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## ANGLO-FRENCH KEEP GERMANS MOVING

### CANADIANS MAKING CHRISTMAS PLANS

Eight Thousand Men Will Leave Salisbury Plains for Holidays

### COLONEL WILLIAMS HAS RETURNED FROM FRANCE

Warns Men of Intemperate Habits That Army Has No Use for Them

London, Dec. 22.—Preparations for celebrating Christmas are in full swing among the Canadians at Salisbury Plains. Many of them will celebrate it by putting a good many miles between themselves and the camp. About eight thousand men have obtained leave, varying from three to seven days, according to the distance they intend traveling. Several thousands more will get leave for the day only.

A bright day with plenty of agreeable incidents is promised for those who remain in camp. A church parade will be held and also celebration of holy communion. In the evening smoking concerts have been arranged by the men themselves. Each battalion has been given permission to provide dinner according to its own taste and fancy. The second battalion has secured several barrels of Canadian apples.

About fifty men of the 17th Nova Scotians have been transferred to the Princess Patricia's regiment.

Colonel Williams has returned from the front, where he spent three weeks studying conditions. He was there three days and nights in the trenches. On returning to Salisbury he delivered several lectures to the officers at Bustard.

Colonel Williams has sought to make it specially known that there is no place at the front for the men of intemperate habits. Men have been shot for being found drunk on duty.

Mrs. Vaughn, wife of Gen. Vaughn, who is now at the front, has been visiting in behalf of the nine hundred and fifty Canadians now in the hospital, having given up her beautiful house in the neighborhood for convalescents.

Christmas presents by the thousands are now arriving at the hospitals. The first brigade having shifted their tents to clean dry ground find themselves so comfortable, especially since securing oil stoves for every tent, that they have requested that they shall not be moved into huts. This petition has been granted. There are a good many healthy fellow who find hut life stuffy and who consider tents preferable, granted the camping ground is dry and high.

The second number of the bulletin issued by the Second Battalion is now published, reflecting much credit on the editor, Signaller Charles Crean. Like the first number it deals with camp gossip, has excellent photographs of drill and other daily events and poetry. Congratulations are in order to the poet who contrived to make "spit him on the bum" rhyme with "went to Belgium."

The London correspondent of the Manchester Daily Dispatch has a note about the presence of officers' wives in the neighborhood of Salisbury Plains. He likens the coming over of these ladies in the wake of their husbands to the presence of Thackeray's feminine characters in Vanity Fair who were all assembled in Brussels on the eve of Waterloo.

### AUSTRIA WILL NOT PAY TO HER ALIEN ENEMIES

New York, Dec. 22.—Austro-Hungary will pay no money, for the present at least, to alien enemies, who hold her 4½ per cent. notes, due January 1 next, according to announcement made here to-day by Dr. Constantine Dumba, Austria-Hungarian minister to the United States. Dr. Dumba said that the redemption of notes held by citizens of countries at war with Austria-Hungary is temporarily suspended.

Other holders of such notes, it was announced, must accompany the notes by affidavits assuring the government that no alien enemies have any interest in the securities to be redeemed.

### PROHIBITION BEFORE UNITED STATES HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Under a special rule, which was adopted without a roll call, the house began just after noon to-day an eight-hour debate on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for national prohibition. An aye and nay vote will be reached to-night.

### LOOKED LIKE SPIES TO PACHENA PEOPLE

Three Americans Arrested and Their Boat and Supplies Confiscated

### WERE ORDERED DEPORTED AFTER TRIAL BY COURT

Trio of Hunters Taken to Alberni on Charge of Having Firearms



—Illustrated London News.

### GERMANS WHIPPED NORTH OF VISTULA

Outcome of Advance on Warsaw is Problematical; Great Battle Imminent

London, Dec. 22.—It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the line of battle in the eastern arena of the war that any marked change is to be noted to-day. In the western theatre siege warfare of a most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation both in the east and in the west to-day, so far as has been disclosed by the official statement.

The ultimate outcome of the German advance upon Warsaw is still problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought. Although the Russian centre has retired, it now has been reinforced and it is holding a line on the Bzura from its juncture with the Vistula.

North of the Vistula Petrograd reports say the Germans have been whipped and pushed back over the frontier until the line now stretches behind Soldau, which is midway between Lausenburg and Niedenburg, in East Prussia.

To the south, it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of the Austrians through the Carpathians has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemysl, which was hurled back after an attempted sortie from this fortress.

The British press comments to-day on General Joffre's order to advance, as cables to London from Berlin. The papers say that while they are unable to vouch for the authenticity of this document, it certainly seems to coincide with the pressure the allies are making all along the line. It is not believed in London, however, that the real work of driving the Germans out of Belgium will begin for some weeks to come.

Emperor William, according to the latest reports reaching here, has gone from Berlin to the western front. This would indicate, in the view of British observers, that he regards the situation there more important and critical than in the east.

### CZAR AND EMPRESS ARE WELCOMED AT MOSCOW

Lord Mayor Remarks on Benefits Arising From Abolition of Sale of Vodka.

Moscow, via Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The arrival of the emperor and empress here to-day was marked by an enthusiastic reception at the railroad station. The emperor was welcomed by the civilians and military authorities and delegates of the Zemstvo.

M. T. Cheluykoff, the new lord mayor of Moscow, in presenting bread and salt to the emperor, took occasion to deliver a speech of welcome, in which he pointed out the loyalty of the people to the emperor and thanked him for the benefits arising from the abolition of the government monopoly on vodka, which was largely due, he declared, to the efforts of the emperor.

The lord mayor spoke of the brave fight the Russian army was making in the field, and predicted a victory and a resurrection of justice for all Slavs and for all peoples.

The emperor thanked the lord mayor for the sentiments expressed.

### ROUMANIA RESTORES LAND TO BULGARIA

Bargain Made That May Leave Way Clear for Attack on Austria

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Bulgarian minister announced to-day that an agreement has been reached between Roumania and Bulgaria under which Roumania will restore to Bulgaria the province of Dobruja and most of the other territory which she acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan war.

"This agreement has been reached without pressure from either Germany or the allies," said an official connected with the Bulgarian ministry. "We shall continue to be neutral and believe that Roumania, although she has no cause to fear us, also will remain neutral."

It has been asserted here that the fear of Bulgaria alone had prevented Roumania from invading Austria and entering the war on the side of the allies.

If Greece would return Kavala and the Macedonian territory she annexed during the second Balkan war, and Servia would restore to us the Macedonian provinces she occupied, despite her agreement of 1912, the Balkan union could be reconstructed," said the Bulgarian official. "Under these circumstances a lasting peace would be established in the Balkans. But unfortunately neither Greece nor Servia has shown any intention to revise the treaty of Bucharest. The heir to the Servian throne, Prince Alexander, on receiving Prince Troubatov, when the prince delivered his credentials from Emperor Nicholas at Nish, yesterday, said: 'Servia guides her own national interests,' meaning that Servia was not ready to return the Macedonian provinces.

"A reconstructed Balkan Union would favor neither the allies nor Germany, nor would it have any aggressive intentions. Roumania's Transylvanian aspirations, Greece's claims to Turkish islands, Servia's differences with Austria bring about such a conflict of interests that it would be impossible to throw the union as a whole, one way or the other. Our relations with Turkey will remain friendly.

"We do not desire Adrianople."

### STANDARD OIL HAS CUT UP ANOTHER BIG MELON

New York, Dec. 22.—Another Standard Oil company melon was cut yesterday, making a fine Christmas present for stockholders of the Ohio, Ohio company, one of the Standard subsidiaries. It took the form of a distribution of stock of the Illinois Pipe Line company among the holders, equivalent to 133 1-3 per cent. dividend.

The Ohio company is both an oil producing and pipe line company, operating in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Its capital stock is \$15,000,000 par value, divided into \$25 shares.

Last year it made \$22,000,000 profit, equal to 152 per cent. on its stock, and declared a 57 per cent. dividend. At a meeting of stockholders yesterday in Lima, Ohio, the Illinois company stock was parceled out on a basis equalling 133 1-3 per cent.

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### INVADERS PRESSED BACKWARD AND ARE KEPT ON DEFENSIVE

Artillery Roars From Sea to Lys, Bayonets Meet in Champagne and Argonne, German Positions Taken at Perthes les Hurlus.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of December 21 there was nothing other than artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German attacking column, which was endeavoring to come out from Carenty, and we took several houses at Biangy.

"An attack of the enemy on Mametz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material progress in this direction. In the region of Lihons three attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

"We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracy le Val, and our artillery did efficacious fire on the plateau of Nouveron.

"In the sections of the Aisne and of Rethim there were artillery engagements.

Take All Trenches Near Mont Calvair.

"In Champagne and in the Argonne, in the vicinity of Souain, there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this section. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes les Hurlus three German positions, representing a front of entrencheds 1500 yards long. To the northeast of Beaus Ejour we have consolidated the positions occupied by us December 20, and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mont Calvair.

"In the forest of La Grurie, our progress continues. At St. Hubert we repulsed an attack in the forest of Bolants. Here certain ground has been lost, but we recaptured two-thirds of it.

Further Progress Between Argonne and Meuse.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been slight progress. In the suburbs of Vauquois to the north of the forest of Malancourt, our troops were successful in making their way through a barbed-wire entanglement in taking possession of certain trenches of the enemy where they maintained themselves.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, in the forest of Consenvoye, we first lost and then reconquered after a lively fight, the territory gained by us December 20.

"From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

### RETREATING GERMANS SPREAD EAST AND WEST

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The heavy German column which has been driven across the east Prussian frontier from Miawa, Russian Poland, by the Russians is spreading out to the east and west, according to reports received here from the front. The purpose of the German movement is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Mazur lake position, and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn, for protection against the continued Russian advances on the Thorn-Altenstein-Insterburg railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling the North Poland frontier.

The Russian successes here not only threaten the right of the German Mazur Lake position, but also threaten the left wing of the army operating before Warsaw.

MEMBER OF REICHSTAG FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—A Berlin dispatch published in the *Telegraf* confirms the report that Dr. Georges Well, the Socialist member of the Reichstag for Metz, who was with Jean Leon Jaures, the French Socialist leader, when the latter was shot in Paris, volunteered for service in the French army August 5 last. Dr. Well's disappearance from Germany has caused some comment.

The *Vorwaerts*, the organ of the German Socialists, strongly condemns the action of Dr. Well.

### HAMMOND WINS CASE AT COURT OF APPEAL

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The court of appeals this morning quashed the judgment of Judge Lampman in Victoria in the case of Rex vs. Hammond, insurance agent, sentenced to twelve months for theft.

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**LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS****GERMANS FORCED TO WITHDRAW NEAR MLAWA**

Russia Drives the Enemy Back Over Border Into East Prussia

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The official statement issued to-day by the Russian general headquarters says: "In the region of Miawa (Northern Poland) the Germans have fallen back toward the line of Lautenburg-Niedenburg (across the frontier into East Prussia). "On the left bank of the Vistula there is no information of importance to report."

In Galicia, the Austrian offensive is being greatly hindered by our troops, and the operations in this region have taken on a character extremely favorable to us.

"One of the Austrian divisions which was operating in the vicinity of Dukla Pass was easily defeated by a bayonet charge, made by our troops.

"The enemy left on the battlefield 500 killed, and we captured 10 officers and more than 1,000 soldiers."

The attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the Bloos line have been definitely repulsed. The garrison was forced back into the line of fortifications with heavy losses."

**CAPTURE OF TORLAK MEANT BELGRADE TOO**

London, Dec. 22.—The capture of Belgrade by the Servians was accomplished only after desperate fighting, according to the correspondent of the Times at Belgrade.

"The end virtually came," he says, "with the Serbian capture of the Torlak position dominating Belgrade, on the evening of December 14. The first Serbian patrol entered the city on the 15th, followed by King Peter, while fighting was still proceeding near the bridge."

"When the Serbian guns smashed the bridge a great number of the Austrians were still on the Belgrade side and surrendered. Thus the Servians obtained 10,000 prisoners, eight cannon, 1,000 horses and 150 cannon."

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**SWEDEN DECLINED TO AID GERMANY IN WAR**

Then Was Told That Russia Would Be Given Country After Losing Poland

London, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany proposed that Sweden should help in the war, offering as compensation the Baltic islands and a protectorate over Finland.

"As Sweden did not reply to this proposal, Germany, at the peace conference after the war would let Russia take Sweden as compensation for Poland."

"This threat was similarly ignored, and then Germany began to irritate Sweden by stopping her wood export. These were incidents leading up to the conference."

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The recent conference at Malmö, Sweden, of the Scandinavian kings and a visit which King Gustave is reported to have made to Berlin previously, constitute a subject of much interest in Russia, in view of the suggestion of a Scandinavian union. It is recalled that Professor Ostwald went to Sweden on a semi-official German mission at which time he proposed such a Scandinavian union, similar to the German Empire, in which Sweden would occupy a position analogous to Prussia in Germany, promising, it is said, that if such a union were realized Germany would contribute Finland, Livonia and part of Courland.

This circumbaltic union of 25,000,000 people would, according to the alleged German plan, become an important European power, while the Scandinavian countries, respectively, despite their high culture and industrial development, would be politically insignificant.

A Russian diplomat, discussing this plan, said to-day "Excluding our provinces which Germany will be able to offer the union, Russia favors such a Scandinavian union, although apparently Germany is inspired in accordance with her aim to create several buffer states between herself and Russia. A strong united Scandinavian would weaken German influence on the Baltic."

"We do not believe that Sweden wants our provinces or that the Finns, Estonians or Letts desire to join the Scandinavian union. Therefore, the German figures of 25,000,000 would be decreased to 12,000,000, which is the present population of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, adding perhaps Schleswig-Holstein which Germany, if defeated, would probably be forced to return to Denmark. The immediate aim of the union would be to fortify neutral neutrality."

**NEXT PARLIAMENT IS ONLY FOR WAR MONEY**

Probably Amount to Be Found is \$100,000,000. Contingents Costing \$250,000 Daily.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—It is stated definitely that the forthcoming session of parliament will be essentially a war session. Only matters relating to the war will be introduced by the government.

The chief legislation will be, of course, the authorization of a second war loan. The first loan which was authorized at the emergency session of parliament last August, was for \$50,000,000; the second, it is expected, will be for \$100,000,000, although this might be increased largely if there is any expectation that a great length of time would elapse before the summoning again of parliament.

The war is costing the country at present about \$250,000 per day, or about \$100,000,000 per annum. The cost will increase considerably as more troops are recruited and sent to Europe. Ammunition alone will be a tremendous item.

**GERMANS ARE REPAIRING RAILWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—The Telegraph learned from Berlin that the Germans have restored the railways from Charleville, in the department of the Ardennes, opposite Mezieres, to Reims and from Hirson, in the Aisne, to Montmedy, in the department of the Meuse, twenty-five miles north of Verdun, which the French destroyed when retreating early in the war. The railways to Givet, in the department of Ardennes, on the Belgian border, according to the same dispatch, will be opened shortly, while the bridges over the Meuse near Lumes, Guise and Donchery, all southeast of Mezieres, have again opened.

Blocked tunnels near Montigny and Molon, the last named point just south of Ardenne, also have been put into condition to be utilized.

This dispatch indicates that, in spite of the war operations, the Germans are busy restoring lines of communication in the territory of Northern France occupied by them, which lines were destroyed by the French when they retreated from the Belgian front early in the war.

**GIVES WOUNDED AID.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, wife of the American minister to Sweden, has sent to the front hospital equipment for the care of sixty patients, and has organized a relief committee working in co-operation with the Swedish Red Cross.

**PRISONERS FIND LIFE SLOW WHILE ON SHIPS**

Eight Hundred Confined on Each of Three Vessels Anchored at South End

South End, Eng., Dec. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—German prisoners who were interned at the race track at Newbury, concerning which so many complaints were made in German papers, have been moved to other places, many of them being placed on three British prison ships which are now docked here.

Baron Louis Anton von Horst, whose citizenship has been much in question since the opening of the war, is among the prominent men held on the Prince Edward, a ship formerly in service between Bristol and Canadian ports.

Baron von Horst is well known in California, where he has lived and has many relatives. His attorneys say he is really an American, as his father was naturalized in the United States and consequently the present baron, who was then under age, automatically became an American citizen. However, Baron von Horst accepted a baronetcy from the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg, and it is believed he has surrendered his American citizenship in doing so. At least, he registered in London at the opening of the war as an alien enemy. His case, under representation from the American embassy, is under consideration.

Each of the three prison ships here has about 800 Germans on board. Sanitary conditions are excellent aboard the ships and it is not unlikely that more vessels will be added to the prison fleet, as this means of caring for Germans is especially satisfactory.

The prisoners on the ships live much as passengers would on an ordinary sea voyage, except that their belongings are carefully searched and military discipline is enforced.

At Queen's Ferry, in Wales, an unoccupied iron works has been taken over for the use of prisoners, and several hundred men are quartered in the building, which affords an admirable shelter. The establishment overlooks the sea and is surrounded, by several acres of land, enclosed in a high board fence on three sides. The prisoners have a large ground for football and other sports.

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**MUCH IDLE MONEY FOR WAR LOAN INVESTMENT**

Seventy Million Pounds Sterling Taken Off Market Without Disturbing Rates.

London, Dec. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The money market has been much interested this week in speculating as to how much money would be paid up on the war loan and awaited the bank return to get some idea regarding the amount. Exact figures are not available, but deductions from the bank returns show that about \$50,000,000 was paid up, including \$6,500,000 application money.

That this huge amount was taken off the market without disturbing rates shows the quantity of money lying idle.

New capital seekers appear to be recovering from the war nerves, and to be taking advantage of the present plentiful money supplies to float several small issues which have been hung up since the war.

As each stock exchange settlement concludes, the amount of stock taken up by clients is said to be gradually on the increase when reduced. There appears to be quite a good demand for gilt-edged stocks from the provinces at the minimum level fixed by the committee.

**LAST CASUALTY LIST**

London, Dec. 22.—The following is an official casualty list issued last night.

Reported killed: Bosanquet, Second Lieut., S. C., Middlesex regiment.

Died of wounds: Viney, Capt., P. E., Leicestershire regiment.

Unofficially reported killed: Stele, Lieut., F. W. A., Royal Fusiliers.

Wounded: Becker, Second Lieut., H. C. Royal Scots; Leader, Simonds, Lieut., T. L., Cameronians; Trenchard, Lieut., F. A., Royal Field Artillery.

**SWEAR IN MEMBERS OF NEW ONTARIO CABINET**

Toronto, Dec. 22.—It was stated last night that the expected reorganization of the Ontario cabinet will be made effective at once when T. W. McGarry member for Renfrew and T. Howard Ferguson, of Grenville, will be sworn in as members of the government today.

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Hon. J. J. Foy, has resigned his portfolio as attorney-general, and his place will be taken by Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. I. B. Lucas will become provincial secretary. Mr. Ferguson is to take the provincial treasurer and Mr. McGarry the portfolio of lands, forests and mines.

No changes will be made in the other departments. Hon. Mr. Foy will retire into private life.

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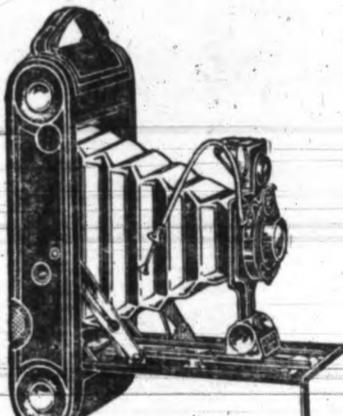
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## WEEK OF BATTLE GOES AGAINST GERMAN ARMY

All the Enemy's Attacks From December 7 to 15 Are Repulsed by Allies

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French war office to-night made public a report of an eyewitness of events along the battle-line from December 7 to December 15. It says:

"During the period from the 7th to the 15th of December the ascendancy gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make, in various sections of the front, progress which seems to have disturbed the enemy."

"The German infantry is more cautious and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain amount of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals their fear of attacks."

"After the expensive and useless experiments of last month, our adversaries seem almost everywhere to be reduced to defensive measures, and it is we who, on the whole of the front, have assumed the offensive."

"Also in the artillery duels our batteries are showing more and more their superiority."

"Between the sea and the Lys river, the enemy, who from the 7th to the 9th instant had contented themselves with bombarding our lines, and particularly the city of Ypres, on the 10th instant directed to the south of that city three infantry attacks against our trenches."

"The first two of these attacks were repulsed. The third reached our first line of trenches, but on the following night we regained this position. On the 12th the enemy made another attack, which also was repulsed."

"On the 14th our infantry took the offensive in spite of the exceedingly muddy condition of the field, and succeeded in capturing a German trench several hundred metres in length. Our infantry here held their ground against fierce counter-attacks by the enemy."

"The next day, with the co-operation of the Belgian troops, we succeeded in sallying forth from Nieport and taking a position on the western outskirts of the villages of Lombartzyde and Saint Georges."

"During all these engagements the German artillery gave their infantry very poor assistance."

"Between the Lys and the Oise our progress has not been less marked. The taking of the Chateau-Vermelles, of which mention was made in our last weekly statement, permitted us to proceed by sapping toward the village of Vermelles."

"On the 15th Vermelles, as well as the village of Ruitroie, fell into our hands. We discovered that the houses were mined. The explosives were in place, but the engineers had not time to fire them. In the streets we found a number of bodies and a large quantity of war materials which had been abandoned."

"The occupation of Vermelles by our troops has forced the enemy to fall back three Kilometre (about two miles)."

"The same day we captured some trenches to the south of Carenty, and we made in the region of Quesnoy advances averaging from 350 to 900 metres (a metre is about three feet). Our skirmishers advanced as far as the wire entanglements of the enemy and succeeded under a constant fire in gaining a foothold."

"On the 16th some fierce engagements occurred on the road from Lille to the north of Roncourt around a barricade, which eventually remained in our hands."

"On the 17th in front of Parvillers and Fouquescourt we made fresh progress. In this section we are only 100 metres (about 300 feet) from the German trenches."

"In front of Andechy we have made progress averaging from 30 to 600 metres."

"On the 18th, to the east of the road to Lille, we blew up by a mine a German sapping tunnel. Our Zouaves and sappers were quick in springing into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there they bombarded the trenches of the Germans, with melinite bombs."

"The same day, near Lihons, one of our mines was detonated and blew up and destroyed a German counter-mine. The Germans' sappers were thrown into the air in the midst of a cloud of smoke."

"The Germans manifested their energy only by two attacks, one on the 11th, in the region of Fouquescourt, and the other near Ovillers. But attacks were easily repulsed."

"The German artillery, which on the 14th bombarded Marville, succeeded in causing some material damage. On the other hand, our batteries proved their superiority. On the 11th they smashed the trenches and scattered the enemy's workers, and also threw shells among detachments of troops in the rear of the trenches."

"On the 14th some automobiles which had assembled on the road to La Bassée were compelled to flee before our shells."

"In spite of the cold and the rain, which makes bogs of the trenches, the health and the morale of our troops remain perfect. They show ingenuity in remedying the dampness of the trenches by various systems of interlacing limbs of trees, like wickerwork, and using corrugated sheet iron roofing, the doors of houses and planks and other timbers."

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## TAYLOR MAY RUN AS MAYORAL CANDIDATE

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—An order of Chief Justice Hunter made yesterday has removed the cloud on L. D. Taylor's qualifications, and enabled the mayoral candidate to secure the necessary certificate of non-encumbrance, which previously had been held up by the land registration officials.

## SAFE BLOWERS ESCAPE.

Seattle, Dec. 22.—Using two charges of powerful explosives, yéggmen yesterday blew open the safe in Wing's Cafe, First avenue, and escaped with \$522.86 in gold, currency and silver, representing yesterday's receipts at the restaurant.

Two hours after the robbery was discovered, a police officer found a suit case containing three empty canvas money bags, the bank book of Ralph Wing, one of the proprietors of the cafe, and an empty leather purse, in the rear of the Plymouth Congregational church, Sixth avenue and University street.

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night of 7-8, during a German attack on Tracy-le-Val, which was easily repulsed."

"The German artillery is being trained upon cities and villages. On the 7th, the Germans bombarded Soissons, and from the 10th to the 15th, Tracy-le-Val. On the 10th the outskirts of Rheims were bombarded. On the 12th the city itself was shelled, and on the 14th the Germans turned their guns on the village of Groux."

"Our artillery replied always, and often with success. On the 7th it scattered some German detachments, and on the 9th it smashed a machine



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### THE WAR.

The German army which attempted a southern movement to Warsaw from Soldau in East Prussia has been driven back upon the Lautenburg-Neidenburg line, across the frontier. This clears the Russian right in Poland from any menace from that quarter and gives the Czar's forces an opportunity to conduct a turning movement of their own. It is evident that the shortening of the Russian front has enabled the Grand Duke to dispose strategic reinforcements at different points. This is particularly the case in southern Poland and western Galicia, where, Vienna admits, Russia has enormously increased her strength. Thus, while the Russian line has been withdrawn a little from the direction of Cracow it is the intention of the Grand Duke to hold such a position of vantage that in the event of a German failure in northern Poland he will be able to deliver a prompt blow at Cracow and invade Silesia from that quarter.

Very little progress is reported by the French bulletin this afternoon. With characteristic thoroughness, the Germans in the west have made the country behind them a network of trenches, the capture of which must necessarily be a very slow process. Still, it is a long road that has no turn, and if only two or three hundred yards are covered at a time it would go more than a few weeks before the allies would be upon German lines of communication at various points.

### CIVIC RETRENCHMENT.

In a broad sense the objects of the civic retrenchment association will meet with general concurrence, but anyone at all familiar with the circumstances of our municipal finances must regret exceedingly that the moderating influence now so prevalent did not make itself felt a few years ago. Then, even more than now, was the time when the city should have tightened the brakes, but it would have been a bold man indeed who dared to suggest the curtailment of expenditures on municipal improvements, especially on street extensions and paving. The chief characteristic of civic policy, spurred by a considerable proportion of public sentiment interested in land values, was reckless extravagance, entailing heavy debt obligations for which we now have to pay.

The city's expenditure is, roughly, \$2,000,000 per annum. Over almost one-half of this sum the council has no more control than the man in the moon. It includes the debt obligations contracted during the years of jubilee, when the only deputations which interviewed the council relative to financial administration were those which urged even more ambitious projects involving further inroads on the money-lenders. There can be no retrenchment in these items. The remainder of this figure is made up of expenditures on the school and police departments, also outside the control of the council, although it must find the money for them. This is a most unsatisfactory arrangement, the solution of which lies with the legislature. Either the school board expenditures should be subject to the body which furnishes the funds or the board should be an entirely distinct corporation to which ratepayers and associations could carry their complaints when alarmed at the growing extent of its expense account.

This leaves, approximately, a million to which the authorities may apply the pruning knife. Obviously, if the council cuts the whole budget outlay by twenty-five per cent., the reduction borne by this million must amount to about fifty per cent., or \$500,000. This might mean a saving of some services with which it

would be suicidal to tinker too much. There is a limit to the retrenchment in sewer, fire and water charges beyond which it would be dangerous to go. An epidemic would be more injurious to the city than even a stiff realty assessment. We believe the present council is showing a praiseworthy effort to keep civic expenditures down to the barest necessities of the place; but it has been laboring under the disadvantages of a crazy system which it has no power to modify and a legacy of debt for which it was not responsible.

### THE PHILOSOPHY OF MILITARISM

A few years ago Georges Bourdon, the able editor of the Paris Figaro, made an extensive visit to Germany for the purpose of obtaining a first-hand grasp of Germany's ideals and aspirations as expounded by her leading men. He interviewed statesmen, educationists, journalists, financiers, authors and soldiers, all of whom spoke to him with the utmost frankness. While their views naturally differed in many details, upon one point they were absolutely unanimous—the necessity of militarism as the means through which Germany should attain the position in the world to which, they claimed, she was entitled.

One member of the general staff, not a Prussian but a Wurtembergian, put it this way: "Germany cultivates militarism as an individual cultivates hygiene. We think that of all the services the army is the most magnificent. In villages, the young man whom the conscription has passed over is the object of his comrades' ridicule. In the religious service of the church the army comes next to the emperor, before the government and other institutions of the State. The child from its birth is reared to reverence it. We have an old saying that 'such and such a country may possess an army, but Germany is an army which possesses the country.' It is to the army that the German nation owes its greatest patriotic transports, because as a people the Germans are conscious of their shortcomings and know they are neither amiable nor pleasing, that they have never owed their success to anything but force, and thus the army is in their eyes the constant, ever-present and living monument of German power."

Thus we get at the philosophy of German militarism as the Germans see it. The army which was born of necessity in the days of Frederick, and regenerated after Jena, has become the essence of every German activity. Its foremost champions—before this war—denied that it was a weapon of offence, but the philosophy of the cult places the disclaimers out of court. If it was the only instrument through which Germany expected to gain what she wanted, as the officer pointed out, we can well understand why treaties, arbitrations and peaceable conventions were held to be inconvenient obstacles to be disregarded at will.

How has that philosophy worked out? The sequences have been deadly logical. The treaty of Berlin was torn to pieces by Austria at German instigation under the protection of the army. The neutrality of Luxembourg and Belgium was violated because "Germans never owned the success to anything but force." The vilest outrages have been perpetrated upon the hapless people of Belgium. Bombs are dropped upon unfortified towns; mines are sown in the open seas, imperilling the lives of non-combatants; German guns have fired deliberately upon defenceless communities, killing women and children. In fact, every law of humanity has been violated as the logical outcome of that militarism which every German child is taught to reverence. But could anything else be expected from the worship of force so freely and clearly explained by the officer whose words we have quoted? The system has nursed the passions and hatreds of the dark ages, upon which in turn it has fed. How could the German people be amiable or pleasing with their adoration of force as the main instrument of their civilization?

What has been the effect of this extraordinary philosophy upon the world? It converted Europe into an armed camp. It has caused a competition in armaments which, if continued, meant either war or revolution in the various countries involved. Every outlet from the mephitic atmosphere in which this doctrine thrived was stained with blood. How could it have had any other result than what we see in Europe? How could anyone who propounded this struggle have gone astray? And this war must not end until the worship of force is destroyed in Germany and little children are taught to reverence other ideals than one which beneath an imposing canopy denotes brutality, treachery and every other attribute of inordinate savagery, and until her statesmen and thinkers realize that force is no argument. It was to kill the armed idea of Napoleonism that Great Britain waged a twenty years' war and another two decades to procure a like result in Germany. The true philosophy of rampant militarism in a nut-shell is: It creates war and war is hell.

### UNIVERSAL EMPLOYMENT.

A resolution adopted at an unemployment gathering on Sunday evening included a provision urging the legislature to pass legislation at the approaching session which shall establish the principle that every citizen of either sex out of work is entitled to be provided with useful, remunerative employment.

This is a large order, especially for the legislature as it is constituted at present. But were our legislature the most benevolent, incorruptible and efficient law-making body on earth, it could not meet this particular demand no matter how well disposed its intentions might be. There always will be unemployment as long as the present social and economic fabric continues to be what it is, and human nature itself must be changed before there can be a change in the system. Some of the greediest slave-drivers in the world are men who a few years ago were moving resolutions aimed at the extermination of capitalism. The legislature that is able to establish the desirable principle that everybody out of work is entitled to remunerative, useful employment, will be wearing wings, and there are no signs of these appendages growing upon the law-makers of this province.

### RIDDER'S LITANY.

Our friend and the friend of the Kaiser, Herman Ridder of New York, to whom we have been obliged to devote some attention since the war began, is singing a new song now. At the beginning, and for three months after, Ridder could see nothing but a welter of blood, with his beloved Fatherland emerging from the "mess gory" but triumphant, with Europe grovelling at its feet. Now he is singing in a minor key, chanting the beauties and the advantages of peace. Listen to this:

"Previous to the war millions of human beings in Europe were marching shoulder to shoulder, steadily and surely, along the road to a better and a nobler day. Happiness, like a cloth of gold, was being spun to stretch from the North Sea to the Mediterranean and from the Atlantic to the crests of the Ural mountains. In the religious service of the church the army comes next to the emperor, before the government and other institutions of the State. The child from its birth is reared to reverence it. We have an old saying that 'such and such a country may possess an army, but Germany is an army which possesses the country.' It is to the army that the German ambassador's cars.

"How doom'd to disappointment have we been! The majority praying for peace have been powerless in the hands of the minority cursing us with war.

"We have cast aside the burden of mankind. For each step we have been stumbling forward, each step won with such infinite pains and sacrifice, we are now hurrying backward at a pace that numbs the heart. How shall we have to fight to regain this lost ground? Our sons and our sons' sons will be forced to stagger under the burden that a few in an insane moment have placed upon them all.

"Christmas is approaching, but the carols of that sacred day will be muffled with the ache of a million broken hearts. The terror of it is with us all the day and all the night. There is a day of reckoning to come, when the books will be balanced and then God pity those whom humanity shall hold responsible for this sacrifice."

This new vision of the once bellicose but now benign Herman is indicative that the glimmering of the truth is beginning to penetrate the most obtuse German mind. Herr Ridder realizes that the Kaiser's invincible army has shot its bolt. Within the space of three months France is not crushed and grovelling at the feet of a conqueror, Russia is feeling her way for a strong hold, while Great Britain, having taken all the outworks of the German empire, is preparing to strike a vital blow at its heart. That is the reason why Herr Ridder is singing low and sweet and inspired, from Berlin, suggesting that war made in Germany of deliberate purpose, should be brought to an end ere dawn of the day of reckoning. Mr. Ridder suggests His Holiness the Pope as the peace plenipotentiary most likely to bring strife to an end in advance of the time of extremity. But the time is not ripe, Herman, and, as you plausibly say, "God pity those whom humanity shall hold responsible for this sacrifice!"

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All signs point to a provincial election in the spring. Until then the electors must possess their souls in patience. Certainly they never will give the present administration another lease of life, no matter who is at the head of it. Imagine the country struggling for five years more under that load!

Prince von Bulow has gone to Rome for the purpose of keeping Italy from jumping on Austria's back. As a side line he will start peace overtures in the hope that their successful outcome would enable Germany to hold what she has and prepare for a resumption of hostilities under more favorable conditions. He will fall in both objectives. The day of his arrival was characterized by demonstrations to the

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memory of the young student of Italia irredenta who was executed for an attempt upon the life of the Austrian emperor. Shouts of "Long Live Trent" and "Long Live Trieste" could not have sounded very melodiously in the German ambassador's ears.

Golfers sometimes resent their favorite recreation, pastime, ritual, function, or whatever they or we may choose to call it, being described as an old man's game. Yet that is what it literally is in Great Britain at the present time. Only the older men are indulging in it. All the others, or nearly all, amateur and professional, according to a competent authority, have "gone to the front." In Germany there is no sport, unless it be students' duels and the cutting down of civilians by uniformed braves, to be affected by the war.

### THE KAISER'S PRAYER.

The Latest Ultimatum. This "poem" was written by an American, but as that country is neutral has not been published there by its author:

Gott! Dear Gott! Additions, please! Your bardine! Vile here, Und ha' wird zwei do say Indo your brivate ear. So durv' ayy all odders now Und listen vell do me. For what I say concerns me much— Meinsel und Sherman.

You know, dear Gott, I was your friend. Und from mein hour of birth, I quietli let you rule der Heffen. Wie I ruled o'er der earth. Und when I told my soldiers Of hygine battalions. I gladli split der glory Und gift you half der praise.

In every way, I tried to prove Mein heidni do you vas true, Und only claimed mein honest share To great deeds vat ye do. You could not ha' had a badder friend In sky' or land' or sea. Dian Kaiser Vilhelm Number Two Der Lord of Sherman.

Now, vat I say, dear Gott, is dis: Dat ye should still be friends Und you should help to send my foes To meet der bitter ends. If you, dear Gott, vilt me do, I'll muddins ask again, Und you and I vilt bardsins be vidermord. Amen.

Bod listen, Gott, it must be quick, Your help do me you send, Or else I haf do stop addack. Und only blay defend. So four and twenty hours I gif To make der alise sun. Und put me safe into mein blacke By der middle of der sun.

If you do dis, I'll do my bart. I'll dell der wold der fac. But if you don't den I must dink It is an hostile act.

Den var at vone I'll declare, And in mein anger ris. Und send mein Zepplin ships to wage Aight up in der skies.

Dis ultimatum, now, dear Gott, Is one of many more: Mein mindt is settlid up to clean Der whole wold off der floor. Because you was mein bardsin, Gott. An extra schance is giffen; So help ad vone, or else I'll be Der Emperor of Heffen.

### LARGER THAN THEY LOOK.

London Chronicle. The resources of the kingdom and the empire, which look large upon paper, are still larger than they may have looked to some of our rivals because we have been in the habit of estimating and using our real assets much more conservatively than they. We have also an advantage over all the other belligerents in that naval power (which must always be our main contribution to the war), though its money cost is higher in peace-time than that of a huge conscript land army, adds much less to its cost when war breaks out, and interferes enormously less with the economic life of the nation.

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Alien Players Producing Well-Staged Play at Princess This Week.

"That Girl From Texas" is the title of a play produced this week at the Princess theatre by the Alien players. Cleverly as the company may present it the drama cannot be called a particularly successful one. This, of course, is the fault of the play rather than of the actors. One would have welcomed a revival of some of those charming productions which have been given by the company during the past season, plays by more able playwrights, and with roles better suited to a display of the talents of the players than that given last evening.

The mere plutocracy is never very interesting. Lord Kenwood of Kenwood Manor was something of this and somehow too little the aristocrat to be an emphatic contrast, as he was apparently intended to be, to the "wild and woolly" westerners who

celebrated the "Glorious Fourth" in the library at the old Manor House in England. But such as he was intended to be Irving Kenwood succeeded in portraying Count de Chambray was nearer the life, farcical and exaggerated as the part is. This Biron Eagon took with a clever emphasis of the numerous affectations of the role. Mrs. P. R. Allen looked well as Lady Kenwood, but nothing can be made of such stilted phrases as fail to her share as to many of the others in the play. "The Girl From Texas" herself was not well rehearsed, varying between the careless and slipshod of the harum-scarum, and the more average voice and manner of the really talented leading lady of the Alien Players.

There were too many red-haired people in the play. At one time no less than three were on the stage at the same time. The staging was excellent throughout, and a very realistic scene was that which formed the mountain background of Peter Bunker's home in Texas. The smart riding habit worn by Miss Verna Felton made one wish that her mount would be led in during the course of the act. Charles Connor was very well equipped for his part of an Irish peasant & knowledge of the brogue, and Peter Bunker wore his clothes with characteristic western loll.

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## BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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"This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maud Radford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.

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Of Interest to Christmas Shoppers—The 25¢ Merchants' Lunch at the Bishard Inn, next Public Library.

School Board Estimates—Estimates from the school board for about \$275,000 were received by city council last evening and referred to the estimates committee, which will hold its first meeting on Tuesday next.

Sophie's—The last word in fine photography. Just the thing for Xmas presents. The Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas.

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## CONVICTION QUASHED

R. W. Hammond is Released as Result of Appeal to the Court of Appeal by His Counsel.

Word was received this morning by Frank Higgins that the court of appeal has quashed the conviction and sentence to one year in jail of R. W. Hammond, whose trial took place in the county court a few days ago.

Hammond was an agent of the B. C. Accident and Employers' Liability Assurance company for Vancouver Island, and had been so for four or five years past. He was charged with the unlawful retention of a sum of \$25 handed him by a Cumberland Chinese for remittance to the company. His testimony in his own behalf was that he had lost a receipt book which hindered his turning in the amount, as he had to rely upon his memory for the names of the insured who had paid him, and that of the Chinese slipped him.

Mr. Higgins asked for a stated case at the trial on the point that the terms of his employment, being in writing, and not having been produced at the trial, he could not be convicted in their absence. This being refused counsel applied to the court of appeal, now sitting in Vancouver, for an order for a stated case and this was made.

The legal point was argued in Vancouver yesterday by Mr. Higgins for the convicted man and by W. H. Bullock-Webster for the crown. This morning the court handed down judgment, allowing the appeal, Mr. Justice Galliher dissenting.

## HELPED PATRIOTIC FUND.

Auction at Cobble Hill Poultry Show  
Brought in \$15; Numerous Exhibits.

A very successful poultry show was held at Cobble Hill last Thursday. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., opened the exhibition with a few remarks on the value of the poultry industry and the importance of co-operation among all classes of agriculturists.

The entries were numerous and the quality of the exhibits on the whole was very high, especially in the popular varieties. The innovations of a teamroom and a bran pie for the children proved great successes.

An auction sale of dressed poultry and eggs on behalf of the patriotic fund brought in \$15. There was a large attendance on the second day of the show.

Dance To-night at Semple's hall.

Shopping Early—The newly-organized Nanaimo Light Infantry chapter, L.O.D.E., at a meeting held last Friday, passed a resolution in favor of early shopping on the part of the members of the chapter, each lady pledging herself to complete her shopping before mid-day on Thursday, December 24, in order to help out the idea of relieving the shop clerks at an early hour so that they would not be too fatigued to enjoy the holiday.

Goes to Police Commission—After the question of the condition of the jail had lain quietly for months, Capt. Rous Cullin drew the attention of the city council to the matter last evening. He pointed to objectionable conditions facing prisoners sent to the city lock-up while the detention quarters at Work Point barracks have been overcrowded. The captain has also written to the medical officer. The communication was sent to the police commissioners for investigation.

Metropolitan Auxiliary—The Metropolitan Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary society, met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Pendray, Belleville street, yesterday, about one hundred members being present. Mrs. F. A. McDermid read the scripture lesson and a chapter from the study book, "The Story of the Christ Child." The solo contributed by Miss Charlotte Spencer, Mrs. Stancland and Little Norma Christie were greatly enjoyed, as well as the recitation by Mrs. McCallum. Another popular singer appeared in D. C. Hughes who sang "All Mine Alone." The pipers of the 59th Regiment made a particular hit with the audience, the drummer having acquired wonderful facility with his sticks, and giving a wonderful demonstration of his agility with these. The Misses Mesher and Bagshawe repeated the "Spook Dance" given at a previous entertainment in the city in aid of the patriotic fund. This number was thoroughly enjoyed. Other numbers on the programme specially worthy of mention were that furnished by Jock Melville, who is the possessor of an inimitable Scottish accent, and a lot of very amusing business which he knows how to use effectively; and the last number of all, "Open Session of the Alleged Lodges," in which J. J. Brown, L. Mehan, Sgt. Hayes and George Watson appeared. Others who assisted on the programme were Miss Miller, Messrs. Oliver and Carroll, Messrs. Horton and McKenzie (in the Spook Dance), Miss Harris and the Victoria concert orchestra.

Judgment for Plaintiff—This morning Judge Lampman heard evidence in an action for goods sold and delivered and moneys advanced, the plaintiffs being Goodall Brothers, general merchants, Colwood, and the defendants, James Anderson and Mrs. James Anderson. The plaintiffs sued for \$558.10, and evidence was given by Charles H. Goodall as to the account. The goods were sold to Mrs. Anderson, who either took them away by her or delivered to her house, and the money advanced by cashing a cheque was handed to her. After hearing counsel for both sides, R. H. Pooley, M. P. P., for the plaintiffs, and F. A. McDermid for the defendants, his honor found that the debt had been contracted, and gave judgment for the full amount, less \$6.50, or \$551.60.

Decision Reserved—Mr. Justice Gregory heard further argument this morning in the matter of A. W. Thorburn v. Johnston Brothers, Limited, and Mott, in which an injunction is sought to restrain the assignee for benefit of creditors of the firm of Beattie and Thorburn from proceeding with liquidation. Mott is the assignee at the instance of Johnston Brothers, and is an employee of that firm. The allegation of the plaintiff Thorburn is that his signature to the consent to assign was obtained from him by A. W. Johnston through threats and misrepresentation. The injunction was applied for yesterday by Fred C. Elliott, on behalf of the plaintiff, and the matter was adjourned until to-day to allow of particulars of the alleged misrepresentation and threats. A. D. Crease, appeared in opposition to the application and argued that the consent to assign was properly obtained. Judgment was reserved.

Y.M.C.A. ATHLETICS.

The boys' and seniors' gymnasium classes at the Y.M.C.A. building will not be held this week or next. The bi-weekly athletic contest scheduled for to-night will be held as usual, as will also the business men's classes.

Passed Accounts—The chief feature of the Oak Bay council meeting last night was the passing of a number of accounts which had been endorsed by the finance committee. It was reported that there are about 120 men engaged on road work and other improvements in the district, and about twenty more in the relief gang organized by the municipality.

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## CONCERT AIDS WORK OF FILLING HAMPERS

Attractive Programme Under Auspices of Affiliated Friendly Societies' Association

The old Victoria theatre, Douglas street, was thrown open to the public last evening for the first time in many months, the occasion being the concert given by the affiliated Friendly Societies' association in aid of Christmas hampers for the poor. A varied programme was presented before a fairly large audience, the opening number being the "Boys of the Old Brigade," sung by R. Morrison. Six of the old members of the British Campaigners' association, one holding aloft the Union Jack, stood at attention during the song, and were responsible for a very large share of the applause which was given to this number. "Are We Downhearted?" was sung as an encore.

Two military events were among the most popular numbers of the evening. "The Worries of the Orderly Sergeant" were very realistically depicted in a sketch of that title, where the interruptions in the form of practical jokes, bungle calls and sundry absurd responsibilities apparently made life anything but hum-drum, if not happy. A good laugh was brought by the repetition in a somewhat novel form of the practical joke which was played on a somewhat dense recruit who missed the significance of the difference between a puttee and a trouser leg. The second military event which was the source of much laughter on the part of the spectator was the sketch entitled "The Awkward Squad," quite aptly performed by members of the 5th Regiment and the 3rd Battalion.

Naval volunteers were present in numbers to see the drill by some of their fellows, and the exercises were accomplished with the precision and alertness which characterize this branch of the service. Conan Doyle's famous poem, "Who's That Calling?" was magnificently sung by F. E. Petch, who sang an encore of the familiar favorite, "Son of Mine," which suited his voice admirably. Another popular singer appeared in D. C. Hughes who sang "All Mine Alone." The pipers of the 59th Regiment made a particular hit with the audience, the drummer having acquired wonderful facility with his sticks, and giving a wonderful demonstration of his agility with these. The Misses Mesher and Bagshawe repeated the "Spook Dance" given at a previous entertainment in the city in aid of the patriotic fund. This number was thoroughly enjoyed. Other numbers on the programme specially worthy of mention were that furnished by Jock Melville, who is the possessor of an inimitable Scottish accent, and a lot of very amusing business which he knows how to use effectively; and the last number of all, "Open Session of the Alleged Lodges," in which J. J. Brown, L. Mehan, Sgt. Hayes and George Watson appeared. Others who assisted on the programme were Miss Miller, Messrs. Oliver and Carroll, Messrs. Horton and McKenzie (in the Spook Dance), Miss Harris and the Victoria concert orchestra.

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H. Hewitt is registered at the Strathcona hotel while in the city from East Sooke.

Mrs. Millan, Spokane, is a guest at Mount Pleasant.

J. Beatty, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

Miss Penn, Duncan, is spending the winter months in the city at Mount Pleasant.

Edwin Auld is in the city from Edmonton, and is registered at the Empress hotel.

S. D. Stewart, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. Wills is a Vancouver guest at the Strathcona hotel at present.

Miss N. D. Reid, of Cowichan, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Ormond Hignan is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

Glen E. Bruce is from Edmonton, a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

H. H. Jacobs is among the guests at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

H. Joyce, of Fox Warren, Manitoba, is registered at the Prince George hotel.

L. X. Kohlmann, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel to-day.

R. H. Cliburn is here from Vancouver, a guest at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. H. L. Rasmussen, of Cobble Hill, is at the Strathcona hotel while in the city.

Mrs. Reid, of Cowichan, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Walter P. Porep is here from Seattle, and is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. G. Rowe, of Vancouver, is among the mainstay guests at the Strathcona hotel.

E. A. Smith and John McDougall, of

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lange and family, of London, England, have registered at the Prince George hotel.

Miss Grace Bramhall, who has been in Victoria for the past two years, has left for Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitemore and Miss Whitmore, of Duncan, are among those staying at the Strathcona hotel.

V. G. Gossell, of Edmonton, is among the visitors in the city from the prairies. He is at the Strathcona hotel.

Two young men had offered themselves together to the recruiting sergeant. The one was very tall, the other short. The recruiting officer soon told the tall youth to pass on. His little comrade was rejected. "Why?" asked the latter. "What's wrong with me?" "You have a disease," said the officer. "Nonsense," insisted the would-be soldier. "I have never had any disease in my life." "You have a disease," persisted the officer. "What is it?" demanded the rejected one. "It's the duck's disease," answered the officer. "What the blazes is that?" "Why, your bally body is too near the bally ground."

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### AT THE THEATRES

#### EXCELLENT PICTURES.

The advance notices of Dustin Farnum in "The Virginian" did not exaggerate this splendid subject of Virginian life, and the audiences that witnessed this film yesterday afternoon and evening at the Royal Victoria theatre all made the same remark and that was: "It is one of the best pictures that I have seen for some time." The story of the Virginian is known to nearly everyone. There is laughter, tears, pathos, tragedy, but it all comes right in the end and the spectator is as glad as any of the other characters who help to bring the finish to a happy ending.

The cast of players required to put this performance on included over three hundred people and the plot is composed of over four hundred scenes.

There is also a comic picture shown entitled "The Scarecrow and the Chap-erone," which is a continual laugh from start to finish.

The children who attended the matinee yesterday afternoon were given a small present from the management as they left the building, and each one was more than pleased. "The Virginian" will be shown again this evening and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday by Jane Grey, who will be seen in "The Little Gray Lady." A small present will be given to each child who attends the matinees this week.

### COLUMBIA THEATRE

With voice and instruments, Boyd's Royal Hawaiian entertainers, the headline attraction at the Columbia theatre, the first half of this week, are by far the finest act of the kind ever staged in the district. The harmony of the perfect vocal numbers appeals to the audience as nothing but the tuneful melody of the famous island songsters could appeal, while the guitar solo work and its accompaniment by three instruments come in for an equal amount of enthusiastic applause. The act is the musical hit of the season and it should be heard by all lovers of harmony. The girl in the act is very good in the native dances.

The Earl Brothers give a very clever display of hand-to-hand balancing.

The Neandean sisters are two very fine singers from Australia and their singing was highly appreciated by the large audiences last night. The other act on the bill is Ita Roberts, an accomplished singer and talking comedian.

There are the usual fan reels of latest photoplays, amongst which are the famous Hearst Selig war pictures. There will be the usual amateur night on Wednesday.

Recently Jones collided with a spell of hard luck, and in order to make his pork and beans and his appetite meet, he was compelled to pawn his watch.

While the watch was yet in his pocket, a friend asked him the time of day. "Why, what in the world has become of your watch?" asked the surprised friend, seeing Jones yank out a time-killer of the turnip brand. "Here it is," smiled Jones, extending the cheap tickler. "Anything the matter with your optical apparatus?" "Yes; but that's a silver watch," persisted the friend. "The one you used to have had a handsome gold case." "I know it did," was the gruff rejoinder of Jones; "but circumstances alter cases."

Theatrical Geography: London—A city inhabited largely by children whose mothers are being pursued by villains. Paris—A city situated in Maxim's and inhabited chiefly by ladies who wear tights on the streets in broad daylight, and who, by night, live on the top of restaurant tables. Vienna—The industry of this city is waltzing. Its male population is composed entirely of handsome and very passionate young lieutenants of Dragoons. Surrey—A district in England to which Londoners retire after marrying women with "pasts." Rhodesia—A country in British Central Africa inhabited by leading men who have been disappointed in love.—Puck.

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35¢ for . . . . .	20¢	\$2.00 for . . . . .	100¢
50¢ for . . . . .	25¢	\$5.00 for . . . . .	50¢

Bronze Baskets \$1.85 for \$1.25, \$1.75 for \$1.25. Wicker Baskets for cards, etc., 50¢ for 25¢, 30¢ for 15¢. Beautiful Work Baskets on stand, lined with mauve satin. A splendid value at \$12.00; now priced at \$9.00. Finished Dresser Sets on fine muslin, worked in pink and blue; \$1.85 for \$1.50.

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Pin Cushions, \$1.75 for 90¢, \$2.50 for \$1.25, \$5.50 for \$3.00, 75¢ for 50¢.

A few Calendars left to clear at 50¢ for 25¢, 25¢ for 12½¢, 15¢ for 7½¢.

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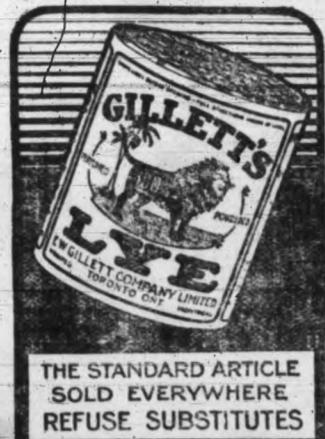
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## NOT YET SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSAL

City Council Will Again Consider Question of Employment Registry

"Something has got to be done," said Alderman Fullerton in the city council last evening, speaking of the proposed registry for the unemployed, called for in the following resolution:

"That the Central Employment and Relief committee open an office or store to receive contributions, install a telephone and register the names of persons willing to perform work, and that the city council be asked to pay the rent of same during the time the premises are used for the purpose of relieving the unemployed."

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole, called to sit this afternoon at 4.

The Central Employment and Relief committee resolved on Friday to ask the council to do this. It was necessary to ask the council as the plan involves expense.

Alderman Porter wanted some information about the cost of operation. He thought it would be a mistake to spend money which should go towards actual relief.

Alderman Todd doubted if anything could be done, as there was no work to be found even if there were a dozen rooms established for registration.

Alderman Fullerton suggested that Fair Weight's officer Robertson should be engaged.

"Something has got to be done," he said. "I know what the working men are suffering. Such a bureau must be established. It is quite easy to get a room in the city hall or in the market building."

"I think it will require a separate employee," replied the mayor.

Alderman Fullerton observed that that Mr. Robertson had had experience under circumstances which arose last winter.

Alderman McNeill asked if all the organizations would accept the Central association's work. The mayor considered the Central association would be a separate organization, not responsible to other bodies.

Alderman McNeill opposed taking Mr. Robertson from the inspection of weights.

It was proposed to send the matter to a joint committee of the council and the management committee, but the suggestion was dropped.

Alderman Todd could only see that one man should be employed by the scheme, the man in charge.

"It was simply a waste of money," he said.

Alderman Bell indicated that he would support Alderman Fullerton, if the alderman would place some limit on the expenditure.

Alderman McCandless considered that there was some misunderstanding as to just what was proposed.

Alderman Okell said that in arranging anything of this kind, they should

make sure of the employment of British subjects. There was no such provision at present, British citizens not being protected.

## ARRANGE SERVICE ON INTERCESSION DAY

Aldermen Preparing Plans for January 3; A Property Claim and a Marquise

"As his majesty the King has set aside Sunday, January 3, as a day of public intercession, I think it right the city council should take the matter up and arrange for a special service which will give an opportunity to those who usually do not attend service to do so. I would suggest a service for the afternoon of January 2."

This was Alderman McCandless' statement at the city council meeting last evening. The council delegated the arrangements to the health and marquises committee.

The long delay over the settlement of the purchase of the old Weiler factory on the corner of Humboldt and Douglas streets was drawn to the attention of the city council in a communication from Charles and Otto Weiler. The writers mentioned that the subject had been delayed from time to time, that they had long ago appointed an arbitrator in the person of E. M. Johnson, and had spent \$2,100 in legal expenses.

The difficulty arises through the fact that, after having planned in the boom time to make Douglas street a 100-foot thoroughfare from the sea to the Saanich boundary, the council, on account of the expense, abandoned the proposal as it affects the portion south of Humboldt street.

The subject was referred to the finance committee and the city solicitor.

Complaint of the excessive cost of local improvement works on Blackwood street was lodged by Frank Burrell with the city solicitor, who in turn passed the communication on to the council. Mr. Burrell asked that no local improvement work should be done on Prior street and Seaview avenue on account of the cost to him through his frontage to Blackwood street. He pointed out that the excessive cost would make it impossible to dispose of the property. On Blackwood street the local improvement tax on four lots amounted to approximately \$2,000, or about \$2,500 spread over ten years. If the work on Prior street and Seaview avenue cost in like proportion the total amount in his lots would figure out at from \$6,500 to \$7,000.

The communication, not the first of its kind, was filed.

The city solicitor wrote pointing out that the Real Estate Exchange suggestion of a graduated scale of discount rates on taxes, commencing at one-sixth, is legal. When the communication was being passed on to the legislative committee, Alderman McNeill stated that an endeavor should be made to have the municipal act amended so that the assessment roll should be returnable on December 21.

Settlement with F. R. Bonnett for property taken by the city under expropriation proceedings for the widening of Pandora avenue will be made at \$7,500.

After two ineffectual attempts to agree upon the type of marquis to be used for the Campbell building, a settlement has been reached. A covering with wire netting strong enough to support men in case it should be necessary to mount upon the awning in the event of fire will be put up.

Saturday is to be declared a civic holiday as far as the municipal departments are concerned.

We are officially informed that, when every cat and dog in the German empire has been enrolled and armed, each cat will be allowed to provide its own kit.—Punch.

The letter will remain on the table until the finance committee reports.

## NAME DEPUTIES FOR ANNUAL ELECTION

Six Citizens Appointed by Ballot; Union Label on Printing

The deputy returning officers who will assist Returning Officer Northcott at the election on January 14, should it be necessary to have a poll, will be Thomas Tubman, J. B. McCallum, William Lorimer, Thomas Watson, A. McHoride and T. Allatt. The first five were selected on the first ballot at the city council meeting last evening. The first two will be deputies for the mayoralty election. The remaining four will be the aldermanic deputies.

This decision was reached last evening. The nomination for all offices will take place at the police court room; the poll for mayor at the police court room, the poll for aldermen at 3417 and 3419 Broad street, and the poll for school trustees in the pottery building.

Wilmore Brothers lodged a protest with the city council against being unable to secure the city printing contract for meter readings when their tender had been lower than that of the "printers' combination." They objected to disfiguring their printing with the union label." It was stated that no outside men were employed on the work of the printing office, it being a family firm.

The mayor explained that there had been a lower tender for the particular work. Wilmore Brothers had done work last year for the council, but since then the resolution calling for the union label on corporation printing had been passed.

Wilmore Brothers will be so informed.

The markets by-law was briefly discussed, and will be taken up in committee next Monday.

The new by-law provides for a number of alterations in the present procedure governing the institution. It sets up an outside market under a superintendent, and an inside market under a market clerk, defines the fees to be paid for stalls, and establishes a set of regulations for the management of the market.

In introducing the by-law, Alderman Sargent, chairman of the market committee, stated that even if the produce market were not in existence it would be necessary to have a new by-law governing the auction market and the use of stalls.

## NOT SYMPATHETIC

Alderman Porter Stands Up for Usefulness of Wood Cutting Plan.

When the city council was laying down the unemployment committee's protest against *bonniness* the Salvation army's wood-cutting scheme on the table last evening, Alderman Porter remarked:

"I was told on the best authority that over 100 applied for work this morning. The Salvation army is not in a position yet to find employment for all the men who are willing to work. Apparently they are only too pleased to find employment with the Salvation army. I certainly differ with the writers of the letter."

The letter will remain on the table until the finance committee reports.

## ESQUIMALT COUNCIL

Closing Up the Work of the Year: Only Two Returns from Body at Coming Elections.

Last evening's meeting of the Esquimalt council is the last but one that will be held by the present council, and was a very short one, practically all that was done being the passing of the usual accounts.

The engineer reported that the streets of the municipality are in very good state, and the recent fine weather has given a chance to finish the work begun some time ago on them.

The only retirements from the council will be those of Reeve Saunders and Councillor Cave. There is no other candidate in sight for the reevehip but Councillor Anderson. It is likely that there will be several newcomers in the field to contest the elections.

## MEETINGS

American Society.—The American society will meet to-night in Odd Fellows' hall. The usual impromptu entertainment and dance will follow the business meeting.

Elks to Meet.—The Elks' club will hold a special meeting to-night to discuss the advisability of holding a county fair in the near future. A full attendance is requested.

Dance To-morrow.—To-morrow evening a social dance, the first of the series, will be held at St. John's hall, Herald street, under the auspices of J. L. Reese. Excellent music will be provided.

For Orphanage.—Victoria Purple Star Lodge, L.O.B.A., will give a social evening in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-morrow, starting at 8. The proceeds will be donated to the Protestant Orphanage. Tickets will be 25 cents. All members are expected to bring cakes.

Christmas Entertainment.—The Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school will have its Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening in the church auditorium. A unique and interesting service has been prepared, entitled "White Gifts for the King." A six-voiced choir of forty voices will

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The sergeant's patience had almost gone (says a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian) when, surveying the company he was instructing, he asked—

"Can you chaps sing?" There was an unanimous reply in the affirmative. "Can you sing 'We've got a navy?' he asked. Yes; they could all sing "We've got a navy." "Well," said the sergeant, with a world of sarcasm in his tone, "it's a dashed good thing for the country that you can!"

A newly-made millionaire bought a certain daily paper. His first order was put on the bulletin board, a notice that under no circumstances should the word "balance" be used. "Use 'remainder' instead," he ordered. That afternoon a cleaner fell out of the tenth-storey window of the building, and the next morning the paper had the story—"John Jones, a window-cleaner, lost his remainder, and was dashed to death by falling out of a tenth-storey window."

Hat Checker.—"Here, here, what on earth are you doing smashing in those hats?" Club Member—"I'm trying to find my own. It's an opera hat, and shuts up. None of these seems to be mine."

lead in the carols. The service will begin at 7:30. Everybody will be welcome.

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### Suitable For Ladies and Children

Handkerchiefs	Infant's Bonnet
Poplin Ties	Infants' Coats
Neckwear	Infants' Wool Gaiters
Gloves	Infants' Mitts
Slippers	Infants' Hose
Shoes	Infants' Booties
Fancy Combs	Waist Length
Waist	Wool Blanket
Silk Underskirt	Down Comforter
Umbrella	Crib Comforter
Wool or Silk Sweater	Crib Blanket
Glove Script	Fancy Work
Silk Hose	

Cushion	Infant's Coat
Fancy Linen	Table Linen
Table Linen	Tea Apron
Corsage Bouquet	Merchandise Script
Merchandise Script	Cashmere Hose
Cashmere Hose	Knitted Muffler
Knitted Muffler	Opera Coat
Opera Coat	Silk Dress
Silk Dress	French Hand-Embroidered Lingerie
French Hand-Embroidered Lingerie	Bead Necklace
Bead Necklace	

### The Popular Gift—Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Handkerchiefs of fine linen at prices up from only	15¢
Gents' in same quality, at prices up from	25¢
Initial Handkerchiefs for ladies; initial neatly embroidered in one corner; pure linen. Prices up from	20¢
Gents' Initial Handkerchiefs up from	35¢
Ladies' Cambric Handkerchiefs, finished with dainty lace edge...15¢	
Fancy Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs, 20¢, or 3 for	50¢
Fancy Embroidered and Lace Edged Linen Handkerchiefs at prices up from	35¢
Hand-Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs at prices up from	90¢

### Gift Umbrellas in Great Variety



### Grand Christmas Showing of Lingerie Waists

A Selection of 500 at Prices From \$2.50 to \$6.75

We have now on display one of the finest collections of dainty waists, any one of which would make a useful gift—a gift that would be highly appreciated. They are all new styles and are made and trimmed in some unusually pretty designs. Materials are cotton voiles, organdie, muslin and fancy crepes. See this selection before deciding if you intend to buy a waist for personal or gift purposes.

### Xmas Sale of Fine Furs

Our entire stock of beautiful furs has been re-marked to two-thirds of their regular prices. Make her a gift of a beautiful fur set. She will appreciate it highly.

### One-Third Off All Prices

We are now showing a full range of Xmas Ribbons in narrow and medium widths, and in a variety of designs, at prices up from per yard

5¢

Braids for tying Xmas parcels; colors green or red; 10 yards to the card. Price, per card

# Christmas Gifts

Furniture Makes Useful Gifts of Lasting Quality

**Couch \$4.90**  
Good strong Couch, upholstered in green or red French velour, with fringe all round, good spring seat and head, for ..... \$4.90

**Mahogany Pedestal, \$2.25**  
18 inches high ..... \$2.25  
24 inches high ..... \$2.90  
36 inches high ..... \$4.25

**Jardiniere Stands, \$1.75**  
Solid oak, in fumed finish, thoroughly strong and neat appearing. Only ..... \$1.75

**Magazine Stands, \$6.30**  
Solid Oak Magazine Stand, with 4 shelves; top can be used as a table if desired; it is a most useful piece of furniture for library or den; comes in fumed oak only ..... \$6.30

**Complete Dining-Room Outfit \$38.95**

Fine Polished Table, extending to 6 ft. .... \$9.90  
Buffet, with 3 drawers and cupboard, large British plate mirror and a shelf at back, a dandy ..... 16.65  
Set of 6 Dining Chairs to match, including arm chair, very strong ..... 12.40  
Outfit complete ..... \$38.95

**Mahogany Secretary, \$12.25**  
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**Sets of Carvers, \$2.60**  
Set of Sheffield Carvers, in neat push lined case. A most suitable gift, up from ..... \$2.60

**Pure Feather Pillows**  
Pure Feather Pillows, with good featherproof ticking, size 19 by 26-inches, only 75¢.

**Buy Mother a New Parlor Carpet, \$10.00**  
What could be more appreciated than after your Xmas dinner to step into the parlor on to a nice new carpet? Buy it for mother and cheer the whole house. We have them up from ..... \$10.00

**Bed, Spring and Mattress**  
The Bedstead is 4 ft. 6 in. wide, with good strong frame and angle irons, neatly designed fillings. Spring is made with heavy frame fitted with woven wire mesh, supported by woven wire cables and steel supports. Mattress has cotton top, covered with heavy quality ticking. The Bedstead, complete for ..... \$8.25

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Genuine Scotch Wool Blankets, direct from Dunfermline, the light warm kind. Splendid range from, \$6.50 to ..... \$10.00

**Glass Carving Rests, 25¢**  
English Glass Carving Rests, keeps the carving knife and fork from soiling the cloth. Only, each 25¢

**Easy Chairs for Christmas Giving, \$10.00**  
An article that reminds one of the giver all the year round. We have a splendid selection of Easy Chairs from ..... \$10.00  
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**Window Blinds**  
3 ft. wide, 6 ft. long, mounted on good spring rollers, complete with bracket, nails and pull, for ..... \$4.25

**White Bedroom Dresser, \$10.75**  
Just the thing for the girls' room; it has 3 deep draws and large mirror, beautiful white enamel finish. Only ..... \$10.75

**Kitchen Cabinet, \$15.00**  
That will save thousands of steps—has a place for everything—bins, 3 drawers, 2 bake cupboards, white spruce top. Cupboard attachment has three shelves, 3 spice drawers, all thoroughly dug proof behind two large glass doors. For ..... \$15.00

**Nice Arm Rockers, \$2.60**  
A lasting gift, useful for everybody. Very strongly made. Only \$2.60

**Bedroom Table, \$1.80**  
Very handy Bedroom Table, top 24 in square, with tray under for books, etc. Strongly made and nicely polished. Only ..... \$1.80

**Sectional Bookcase, \$21.50**  
Most useful present for book-lovers, can be added to as the library grows. Other bookcases in fumed oak at \$18.75 and ..... \$21.50

**Glass Berry Sets, \$2.25**  
A splendid and most useful gift, comprising glass bowl, half dozen berry dishes, with cream and sugar to match. 9 pieces for only ..... \$2.25

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Figure it out as you like, you are bound to admit this is a bargain. The bed has 2-inch posts and a neat Billing outfit complete ..... \$25.00

**Children's Sets, \$2.70**  
Table and two small chairs and one arm chair, in golden fir. Priced at ..... \$2.70

**Solid Oak Secretary, \$19.75**

A really first-class Secretary, with every modern convenience, deep drawers in front and complete inside fittings. Solid Oak Chair to match ..... \$5.25

**Buy the Home a New Kitchen Linoleum, \$7.00**  
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We have them up from ..... \$16.50  
See our Solid Oak Buffets in golden or fumed, at ..... \$26.50  
And our better lines up to \$60.00

**China Tea Set, \$3.15**  
21-piece China Tea Set, including one-half dozen cups and saucers, one-half dozen tea plates, cake-plate, cream and sugar. 21 pieces, complete for ..... \$3.15

**Club Together and Get a New Set of Dining Chairs**  
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## LEFT DESTITUTE AND PENNLESS BY LOSS

Sad Stories of Dominion Trust Company Depositors, Who Relyed on Government

Stories of the plight of depositors of the Dominion Trust company are coming to light every day, and emphasize what a weak reed the government of this province, and especially the attorney-general's department, is for the public to depend upon to protect their interests.

A committee of depositors is getting in touch with all those in the province with a view to forming a strong committee from all quarters to wait upon the premier, the attorney-general and the minister of finance to press for a measure of relief, and in the course of this many instances of positive destitution as a result of the sweeping away of the savings of the thrifty are coming to light. Some of these tales are most distressful, and cannot fail to have their effect in bringing home to the people of British Columbia how inefficient the McBride-Bower government is in safeguarding the rights of the province and its inhabitants.

A few days ago a woman walked into Vancouver from South Vancouver to sign the petition for relief. She had had nearly \$2,000 on deposit with the company, which she was counting on to pay off a mortgage on a piece of property which is valued at \$18,000. This falls due at the end of January, and she is now confronted with the likelihood of foreclosure and the loss of her property in spite of her carefulness and provision for the payment of what she owes. She is so completely penniless that she had not five cents to pay carfare with, and had to walk in all the distance. Rather than accept assistance she insisted upon walking back all the way home. If foreclosure takes place she will be absolutely beggared by the failure of the company.

Another case is that of a young married man with a small family who had saved up over one thousand dollars for the possible "rainy day," this being the savings he was able to get together over the expenses of his home. The rainy day came with the closing down of the firm where he was employed, and he now finds himself without savings or position, and with not one cent to fall back upon for the needs of his family, while his prospects of finding work are very small at present. In writing to the committee he says: "I would not have put my savings in the company if the men forming the board of directors had not all been reputable business and professional men of this city, in whom I naturally had every confidence."

As many of the unfortunate depositors are penniless they cannot afford to go to the expense of coming over here, although the stories they could tell would be the best evidence there could be in support of the prayer of the petition which is to be presented to the government. It is the request of the committee that all depositors who can give a donation towards the expenses of this deputation should do so to J. S. Cowper, the secretary of the committee, at the Province office, Vancouver, who will acknowledge all donations.

The deputation will be made up of depositors from this city, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster, and possibly from other points in the interior.

**THE SCRAP OF PAPER**  
Recruiting Committee Issues Reproduction of Chief Clause in and Signatures to Famous Document.

A striking leaflet has been issued by the parliamentary recruiting committee in England. This bears in colors a reproduction of the signatures and seals attached to the famous "scrap of paper" the sanctity of

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confirming a treaty made in 1831. There is also quoted the recent message from King Albert of Belgium to King George: "God will surely help our armies to avenge the atrocities committed on peaceful citizens, and against a country whose only crime has been that the refused to be false to her engagements."

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It happened at the state convention of the Progressives. A quiet-spoken man near one of the doors arose and inquired if there happened to be a Christian scientist among the assembly.

In answer to his question a lady left her seat and wended her way to the man. "I am a Christian science teacher," she said. "What can I do for you?" "If you do not mind changing seats with me, I would appreciate it very much," hesitatingly replied the man. "This draught is not very good for my cold."

In announcing that a certain Connecticut town intended to increase its water supply the local weekly contained the information that it would "build a watershed covering fifty acres." One of the town officials, a building contractor, who naturally favored the "shed," was severely criticized by a fellow-townsmen thusly: "Twinkie be a tarnation shame, by heck, ef Ezekiel Billin's gits the job of puttin' a shed over fifty acres of water. I'm ag'in it, tooth an' nail. Zeke's got sufficient oot'en the town already."

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It's absolutely necessary to reduce this stock. Creditors demand their payment in full by the end of the year, and with that in view we have cut prices all to pieces in order to get rid of this mammoth stock. It's going quickly, but there is lots yet for Christmas buyers. Get down on Wednesday morning early. Note our special list here. Hundreds of other bargains just as good and better await you.

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#### WOMEN'S COATS

Just the kind of Coats that you are looking for right now; three-quarter and full-length. Heavy lined Coats; all sizes. Regular \$3.50 price up to \$20. Sale price, each..... \$3.50

#### MISSES' COATS AT SALE PRICES

25 only. Misses' Tweed Coats go on sale Wednesday morning at slaughtered prices. They are of tweed cloths, also serges, heavy winter weight, in big assortment of colors and sizes. Coats worth \$2.95 up to \$10.00. Sale Wednesday, each..... \$2.95

#### SUIT SPECIALS

Ladies' Tweed Suits in regular sizes. They come in good quality materials. Suits worth in the regular way \$12 to \$16.50.

\$2.95

#### SPECIAL SUIT SALE

Regular \$25, now \$4.95. Women's Suits. They come in heavy tweeds and plain cloths. Coats of medium length, skirts are good width. These will go quickly no doubt as the prices are very low. On sale at..... \$4.95

### Child's Coats, Millinery and Furs

#### CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' COATS

They come in bear cloth, corded velvets and English serges; white only. Every Coat subject to a liberal discount. Coats worth in the regular way at \$4.00, now..... \$2.95

Coats worth \$4.50, now..... \$3.25

Coats worth \$5.00, now..... \$3.45

#### CHILD'S HATS

They come in white fur, white velvets, white silk and satin. All go at one-third the regular price.

MILLINERY TRIMMINGS

All go at big reductions. Tweed Hats up from..... 25¢

#### CHILDREN'S COATS

Priced very low for this week. For Wednesday we are offering one hundred Coats in assorted styles and colors, made of heavy English serges; all dainty little Coats, too, which have been sold in the regular way for \$2.50, \$2.85, \$3.25 to \$4.50. Our Wednesday sale price, each..... \$1.25

They come in black only with a fine silky finish, with narrow frill and pleating. These Skirts are worth any day \$5.00. Our sale price..... \$3.45

#### BLACK SATINE UNDERSKIRTS

50 only, fine black sateen quality with deep pleated frill. The quality of these Skirts is superior to the regular \$1.25 skirt. Our sale price, each..... 70¢

#### HEATHERBLOOM UNDERSKIRTS

These come in range of colors and black; also a line of Satin Underskirts in the lot. Special price, each..... \$1.50

WOMEN'S MOIRE UNDERSKIRTS

They come in black only with a fine silky finish, with narrow frill and pleating. These Skirts are worth any day \$5.00. Our sale price..... \$3.45

### Xmas Novelties and Staple Goods

#### HOSIERY, RIBBONS, HANDKERCHIEFS

Special Line Women's White Muslin Handkerchiefs. Price, 7 for..... 25¢

Childs' Picture Handkerchiefs, 7 for..... 25¢

Men's Handkerchiefs, large size, with deep hemstitched border. Special, 3 for..... 25¢

Childs' Fine Cashmere Hose, all sizes. Price, per pair..... 25¢

Women's Cashmere Hose, fine quality. Price, 3 pairs for..... \$1.00

Men's Fine Black Cashmere Sox. Special at, per pair, 50¢ and..... 35¢

Ribbons, fine assorted stock. Our prices have been cut in two. A good time to buy your supply.

#### VELVETEENS AT SALE PRICE WEDNESDAY

Heavy Cord Velveteen, and good width, in colors of tan, cardinal, green and navy. Regular 75¢ per yard. Our sale price

# SPORTING NEWS

## BAYLEY AND CLUNE MAY CLASH SOON

### STAR BOUTS FOR TO-MORROW'S TOURNEY

Scotty McKay Wires That He Will Again Meet Stewart; V. I. A. A. A. Elect Officers for 1915

Joe Bayley may be given a chance to wrest the Canadian lightweight title from Charlie Burns early next month. Harry Elsler, who is handling the affairs of the champion, will be in the city to-morrow and a bout will probably be arranged.

Bayley has another bout in view, with Jack Clune, of Australia, who is at present sweeping the mainland. Joe is now awaiting a reply from Billy Walton, promoter of the Hastings club, of Vancouver. Should Joe box Clune, Cyclone Scott and Ernie Barrieau will meet on the same evening. Barrieau wrote Scott, saying everything was ready, and now the Cyclone is awaiting news from the promoter.

Scotty McKay will be on hand for tomorrow night's opening boxing tourney under the auspices of the Vancouver Island A. A. A. This little fellow wired the management of the club yesterday that he would be down for the contests and he will go on against the only local boxer who has a decision against him, this being—the Albert Head heavyweight, Jim Stewart. The pair put on a sweltering clash here six weeks ago at the patriotic boxing tourney and will no doubt pull a big house to-morrow night.

## GREAT INTEREST IN BILLIARD LEAGUE

St. James Won Odd Game From Broad Street Five; Locals Class High

Great interest is being taken in the City Billiard league matches for the Burroughes and Watts trophy. The lead that the Broad street parlors established in their match with the Metropolis team is not such a big one in view of the fact that the champion Richardson quintette are right on their heels. The Westholme team have a fine lot of cue artists, and they, too, will be worth watching. Two matches a week are played and breaks of under 10 are common in these games. Melbourne Inman once said on a visit to the capital that the class of billiards taken all round, played in Victoria, was as good as anywhere in the world. This is a big boost for the local cue experts, but their showing in the recent matches would justify this claim.

The great variety of shots that present themselves in the English style of billiards at once appeals to the lover of this sport, though the cannons are also a mighty important factor in the scoring. The pocket billiard star will also find that his "potting" ability comes in handy in sinking the red ball, so that English billiards combines American billiards and pocket billiards for an ideal international game.

Points are thus scored: For a cannon or white hazard, two; for a red hazard, three. If more than one hazard or a combination of hazards and cannon, be made by the same stroke, all are scored. Thus for a cannon and white hazard or for two white hazards four points are scored. For a cannon and red hazard, five points; for two red hazards, or for a cannon and two white hazards, six points, and so on, the maximum score for a single stroke being 10 points. When a losing hazard is combined with a cannon it shall be scored two or three points, according to whether the white or red was first struck simultaneously and striker's ball enters a pocket, two points only are scored for the losing hazard.

For a miss, the non-striker shall add one to his score; if in consequence of a miss the strikers ball goes into a pocket (generally known as running), the men fought at 122 pounds.

## REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Vancouver Will Have to Be Headed.

While the terminals undoubtedly are getting the benefit of a very fine schedule, St. Griffis has his team traveling at top speed right now, and it is up to the Victoria club to come through with a couple of wins if they wish to hang unto their P. C. H. A. title. The Millionaires have copped three in a row, and as they play the champions the end of this month at the Willows, the local septette will have to be right on their toes unless they wish to go down in the first round of the triple schedule. Vancouver are winning mainly because of their superior defensive game. In three games a total of but nine goals have been registered against them. This means that their forwards only have to get an average of four goals to win. Fielder Jones' baseball maxim is that if you get one run, the other fellow has to get two to beat you. In other words, a strong defensive will in many cases cover up a comparatively weak attack. This appears to be the case with the Vancouver team.

**Northwestern League Clubs Will Be Stronger This Year.**

Despite the reduction of the salary limit, the decision of the Northwestern league directors to hold to a \$2,500 monthly wage should be a big factor in improving the grade of ball players who will appear on the Northwestern circuit next season. The magnates will be forced to secure younger players and in this respect they will be acting wisely, for the veteran ball player never made money for a class B club. Just imagine what a bunch of dead timber Victoria had two years ago when Alberts, Fitzgerald, Red Toner, Meek, Lynch, Nordyke, Crum, Brooks and a couple of others wore the spangles of the local club. This year the Beez will start out with a mixture of youngsters and veterans, the betting being better than even that this combination tops the vets percentage by an even hundred points in the league standing, and this will do not cop the championship.

## INTER-CITY BOUTS



BILLY DAVIES

Superintendent of the Vancouver Island A. A. A. who was again elected to that post last night for another year. Davies states that he has one of the finest cards he ever drew up for to-morrow night's inter-city boxing tourney at the Victoria theatre.

## PATRIOTIC RUGBY

### GAME FOR SATURDAY

Soldiers Called to Win Over Rugby Union Fifteen; Officials Chosen

Foul strokes are defined as follows: (a) By touching his ball more than once in one stroke, or after it has come in contact with another ball, the push stroke is prohibited by this clause.

(b) By forcing a ball off the table, (c) By playing when both his feet are off the floor.

(d) By playing before the balls have stopped rolling, or before they have been spotted.

(e) By striking or touching his ball whilst in play otherwise than with the point of his cue. If a player desires to clean his ball he may, with his adversary's permission, remove it for that purpose; should permission be refused, he may request the marker to clean and replace his ball.

(f) By touching or striking a ball in play otherwise than is allowed under the rules. This covers touching a ball with the bridge, and not getting the cue out of the way of a ball in motion.

(g) By playing with the wrong ball.

Secretary Nicholson still asserts that youth and speed are the winning factors against experience and weight, and Saturday's game will be all the more interesting in view of the varied opinions. The Rep. team will have three changes in the lineup of Saturday last, while Team Captain Spencer, who is looking after the Willows team, will have a wealth of material from which to make his selection. The city team will be weakened by the loss of Hill and Hendra, while Sanson cannot play because of a couple of cracked ribs. Finlayson, Chalk and Gray will be the substitutes.

It will be possible for the soldiers to field a team, every man of whom has seen several years of Inter-City matches, while a number of them have played International Rugby in the Old Country. Spencer will be available for full back, Martin, Gallaher, Meredith and Grant look a winning three-quarter line, while Gillespie, Helmsley, Blaney, Scott, Cartstairs and a host of others are available to complete a very formidable looking Rugby aggregation.

A. H. Hill will referee, with Messrs. Spalding and Palmer as linesmen. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp and a general admission of twenty-five cents will be charged, this including the grand stand.

The Union "Rep" team is as follows:

Fullback, A. Knox (Welsh); three-

quarters, F. Nason, C. Vincent, A.M. Adams (Bays); and C. Kilpatrick (University); five-eight, A. C. Clark;

halves, W. Newcombe (Capt.), and J. Shires (Bays); forwards, Arthur Adams, A. Griffiths, D. Gray, S. Rees (Welsh); C. Sedger, H. Ross, J. B. MacLachlan (vice-capt.) (Bays).

Reserves—Backs, S. James (Welsh), and T. Heyland (Bays). Forwards—C.

Sanson, T. Norris (Bays).

## SMALL WILL PLAY AT PORTLAND

### ROWE AND MORRIS ON SICK LIST

Rosebuds Sign Up Connie Benson for Defence; Skating Programme for Xmas Day

In addition to this, Al. Davies states that he will be fit and ready at 115 lbs. for Ross, of Vancouver. This boy defeated Davies at Vancouver three weeks ago and here again the chances are that the tables will be turned. Lieut. Wheeler, of the Ulster Brigade, who leaves Victoria this week for the front, and Sgt. Shaw, of the National Reserve, will put on a bayonet-sword duel that should prove interesting. The Jap wrestlers and fencers from H. J. M. cruiser, will again appear.

Boxing tournaments will be held by the V. I. A. A. every week, according to the season's programme, which was laid down by the board of directors of this club at their annual meeting last night in the Douglas street club rooms. Social nights will also be prepared and the officers will endeavor to bring the members closer together. The reduction of the membership rates to one dollar has induced a great number of the soldiers at the Willows to sign the membership roll, the club being in a fairly good position financially.

Jesse M. Warren was elected president at last night's gathering, L. Fullard Leo being chosen vice-president.

Davies will again look after the management of the club yesterday that he would be down for the contests and he will go on against the only local boxer who has a decision against him,

this being—the Albert Head heavyweight, Jim Stewart. The pair put on a sweltering clash here six weeks ago

at the patriotic boxing tourney and will

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**REGIMENT V. RESERVES**

Fiftieth Highlanders and Reserve Battalion Shoot at the Ranges.

The weekly practice of the 50th Highlanders' reserve battalion at the ranges was enlivened last Saturday afternoon by an interesting match between six of its best shots and six of the officers of the regiment, a challenge for which had been received from the latter earlier in the month.

This match, which was shot in a tricky fish-tail wind, resulted in a victory for the reserve battalion with a handicap lead of 24 points. The reserve team's average was 62 out of a possible 70, which was considered highly creditable, especially as several members of the team only commenced rifle shooting with the formation of the battalion last September. The battalion now desires to shoot a team of six or eight men against a similar number drawn from the whole regiment. The scores of the respective teams were as follows:

Reserve Battalion.

200 500  
Yds. Yds. Tl.

Capt. Gillespie	33	34	67
E. W. Ismay	32	34	65
E. F. Pickard	30	34	63
G. H. Walton	30	31	61
W. Shilcock	31	30	62
Instructor Williams	26	28	59
Sgt. Mayhew	30	39	59
H. J. Geddes	28	27	55
C. H. Ellicott	27	35	52

B Class.

200 500  
Yds. Yds. Tl.

G. H. Pethick	28	23	55
L. L. Cowan	29	24	53
W. Shilcock	30	22	52
J. Wright	25	26	51
J. Hibberdson	28	22	50
C. R. Bagshaw	30	23	50

C Class.

200 500  
Yds. Yds. Tl.

H. S. Edgar	28	27	55
S. Irving	27	27	54
A. F. Mitchell	22	30	55
S. Hodgkinson	21	30	51
J. D. Hallam	28	23	51
C. B. Jones	21	30	51
H. Warburton	25	24	49

Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall. The men were

furnished with spades and were sent forward in open skirmishing order

against an imaginary enemy. At the

word they took cover, throwing up hastily

constructed trenches in which they took

shelter from the supposed hail of bullets

which was being directed against them.

The movement was continued from point

to point, and the distance the men were

able to advance thus surprised themselves.

They dug like moles the moment

the word was given, and so effectively

were the men safe from shell

fire as well as rifle fire in a few minutes

in deep trenches.

A former member of the George Arliss

Company, Mr. H. W. Thomas, Thomas

is now probably back in the firing line in

France. Mr. Thomas was recalled to

England at the outbreak of the war and

rejoined his old regiment. Writing to

Mr. Arliss in a letter which was received

while the company was playing in Sacramento, Troop hospital in Oxford, Mr.

Thomas gives some details of the fighting he had seen.

He was wounded during the battle of the

Marne, after an arduous experience in

the field, and was taken to England for

treatment. He was wounded in the back

and breast by a Maxim bullet which

caught him from the left as he was ad-

vancing—hitting him under the right

shoulder and going around the body. He

says the troops had very hard marching

during that part of the campaign, but

were very cheerful through it all.

The Germans ran after the battle of

the Marne, their last line of attack and

abandoned equipment and supplies were

scattered around the British in the open;

"The Germans will not

stand around the British in the open,"

Mr. Thomas writes, "and when they have

tried to do so they have lost heavily."

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Volunteer Reserve Recognizes Work Done by Instructors; Practice in Trenches.

There was a large turnout of the men of the Victoria volunteer reserve at the parade in the drill hall last evening. The men were put through the various movements of the drill and battalion evolutions, and performed all with a great smartness and soldierly bearing.

"At the close of the parade there was a pleasant little function, when the services of the instructors of the reserve were recognized by the presentation of gifts on behalf of the officers and men,

It is just about two and a half years since Mr. Campbell, who taught for nearly 20 years in the schools of Victoria, took over the newly-organized department of manual training in the Saanich schools. In the intervening time he has accomplished wonders. In the five centres at which work rooms have been fitted up he teaches about two hundred and forty boys each week, each class being about two and a half or three hours in duration. The training is compulsory, but no compulsion is required for the use of tools is almost as old as Adam; and has become almost race instinct. The only thing left to the teacher is to train the instinct along the most direct and efficient lines, and this Mr. Campbell is doing with phenomenal success, as evidenced in the neatly and strongly-constructed toys turned out by the boys of the various schools during the past six weeks.

It was once maintained by Mr. Campbell that his classes could do in one year as much as most of the classes in the city schools could do in two. Without actually restating the case, he holds that they are keeping up their splendid record. The interest of the lads in their work may be strengthened by the more practical need of such knowledge in their home lives. The boy on the farm sees the use of tools every hour of the day, and even if this district is not one in which the larger agricultural implements may be found in great numbers, it is all the more reason to assume that the smaller equipment will be the more in use. Implements such as are required on the big wheat farms require mechanics for their manipulation. Poultry ranching requires more the skill of the carpenter. Mr. Campbell does not permit his boys merely to use the tools; they are taught to be critical. The department has placed at their command neat little workbenches with appliances made of the best steel, properly constructed, so that, when the boy leaves school, he is a judge of tools, and could choose his own carpenter's outfit with a knowledge of the quality of the material he was purchasing. This is a decidedly practical feature of the training in itself, and, when added to the knowledge of the use of the tools themselves gives the lads a very practical start in life.

The new work in the country schools impressed the department, and in order that all the boys might have the benefit of the classes Mr. Campbell was given a motor car in which he collects his pupils from the more distant schools and drives them to the "centre" in their district. The result is that every third and fourth reader boy in Saanich is taking the training. The "centres" and the schools which they cover are as follows: Craig school, Strawberry Vale and Craig, Tolmie school; McKenzie avenue and Mount Tolmie, Cedar Hill school; Cadboro Bay, Gordon Head, North Dairy and Cedar Hill, Royal Oak school; Prospect lake, Elk Lake and Royal Oak, South Saanich; Keating and South Saanich. Toys, of course, do not represent the whole class-work. It is only during the past six weeks, and in view of the approaching Christmas season that this work was taken up. But the making of these requires the application of most of the principles which are acquired in the two years' training, the same principles entering into the construction of anything from a chair to a house.

A number of toy beds made by the boys were fitted up by some of the girls from the domestic science departments of the Saanich schools, neatly-stitched mattresses, hemmed sheets, blankets and coverlets, and tiny feather pillows with pillow-cases completing the very attractive cot occupied by Miss Dollie. There will be some glad little hearts when the presents reach their destination on Christmas morning. The rocking-horse chairs and the go-cycles require particular ingenuity on the part of the young manual students. Both are more than ornamental; the rocking-horses have stout rockers and a neat little chair which would seat a child of five. The go-cycles are made for rough usage, and may be counted on for many a joyous "coast" down the nearest hill. The toys were delivered last evening to the Friendly Help and other societies in the neighborhood, and many are already on their way to their new owners.

For those of us who do not take to doing good as a profession, there is a great deal of social good to be done in putting down gossip, in preventing misunderstandings, and in keeping friends with everybody. —Jowett.

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H. B. California Port, per case	\$5.50
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## PРЕACHEС DOCTRINE OF SELF-SACRIFICE

Rev. Mr. Andrews, of Abashiri, Japan, Speaks of Mission Work There.

Self-denial, self-sacrifice, renunciation, abnegation. This was the example set by St. Francis, whose life was one of humble service to the Master. And no more zealous disciple has he had than Father Andrews, son of Bishop Andrews of the diocese of Hokkaido, Northern Japan, in the parish of Abashiri in which he labors in an effort to bring men to belief in Christ. The story of the work and of his mission to this country was told to an interested audience which assembled yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wyde, Fort street, where Mr. Andrews is visiting during his stay in the city. Several of the Anglican clergymen of the city were among those present, and at the close of his address the Bishop of Columbia on behalf of all who had listened to the fascinating story expressed his pleasure in hearing of the work, and gave a message of encouragement and good wishes that the young missionary would be successful in his mission to this country.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Andrews explained the position of the Christian missionary movement in Japan. For the past fifty years missionary work had been carried on in that country. But the progress made was very slow. The older missionaries realized that the Asiatic was a curious combination of the intensely religious and the wholly material. He was a man who would make great sacrifices for his religion, but he was also a man who could live without the spiritual. With a temperament which was so ready for self-abnegation where the attainment of the ideal was the objective the appeal made by the average missionary, who lived a comparatively easy and luxurious life, was ineffective to a simple people who were ready to sacrifice all material comfort when their religious nature was roused.

Himself born in Japan, his father having gone out to that country more than thirty years ago, he was sent to America and England to be educated. After his ordination he held a curacy in Durham, and while there read the life of St. Francis, became inspired by the example set and determined to go back among the untaught people of his native land and lead them to a knowledge of Christ. That was two years ago. He took with him but a small capital, about one thousand dollars, fired by the ideal of a missionary work which would work through the Japanese from within, not from without.

Abashiri is a parish in which there

are practically no Christians. The field was almost virgin. This he chose for his labor, a labor which he designed beforehand to carry through by the foundation of a community of Christians. The first step consisted in the purchase of a farm of eight acres, which, as the later part of the narrative revealed, yielded but scanty for the needs of the four young students whom he had finally succeeded in gathering together. It was for the purpose of collecting money for the furtherance of this mission work in a parish which was nearly eighty miles from end to end, that he was visiting this country. Already he had collected sufficient for his expenses here, and his return passage, too, was secured. But he hoped to take back something more which would help with the work.

In so large a parish he had to have assistants if the Message was to be carried to all. The summer only was useful for farming. Then they ill and worked their land. In the winter they studied. He was therefore both teacher and farmer.

The story of the daily round was told with rare humor, which gave more than a more picturesque interest to the narrative of how a young missionary went down among the humble farmers in their rice fields and vegetable gardens and carried the Message white the hoe and spade were plied. How the mission house was built, he himself casting off shoes and socks to join his four active assistants in tramping mud for the walls of the dwelling; the breaking down of misconceptions of Christianity; the disappointments and surprises in connection with the training of his students; and a wealth of detail, both amusing and touching, with reference to the lives and customs of the peoples, were all told.

One particularly surprising point, to the Occidental who has learned so highly to esteem the Japanese race and its ethics, had to do with the selling of girls into slavery. There was no law to prohibit this. The only qualification was that no girl could be sold into slavery for more than three years. The practice was not, of course, universal, but any father could, if he chose, sell his daughter for three years to the highest bidder, clearing his debts or assisting the family exchequer thus if he saw fit. At the end of three years the girl for livelihood's sake was forced to sell herself, this time for probably less. And so the exchange went on until bidders were no longer to be found. There might be an evil of the kind in Christian lands, but it was not recognized by law.

The example of the Christian was once a subject for criticism among an observant people like the Japanese. Those in the Christian lands should make more of being Christians in their own homes. This lesson he had impressed upon him by the open-handed hospitality of Japanese Christians, who really lived the principles which they had learned. One of the difficult things he had had to encounter had been the teaching that Jesus Christ was the son of the Holy Virgin. One man had believed all else but this,

This evening Mr. Andrews will speak about Japan at Elvex Court, Work Point barracks, the lecture to be illustrated by specially prepared hand-colored lantern slides which will make the narrative particularly graphic. The public is invited to attend.

Contributions for the work may be sent to the Rev. E. G. Miller, of this city, who will forward the same to Mr. Andrews.

The neighborhood of Taxeth park, Liverpool, has decided drawbacks, from the point of view at least of some of the landlords of the cheaper property. It is said that an agent, on making the usual Monday morning call for rent at one house, was offered £1.6d. The rent was already in arrears. He showed his discontent. "Look 'ere, miser, you ought to be jolly thankful you've got this. If my old man hadn't sold the back door you'd have got nothing."

## DECISION RESERVED IN MUDLARK CASES

Witnesses Tell of Battle  
Aboard Dredge; Larsen's  
Exciting Story

The hearing of the Mudlark cases was closed in the police court this morning; all the evidence having been presented and speeches made by the city prosecutor and J. A. Aikman, who was acting for the defence. Magistrate Jay decided to give himself time to think over the evidence, and remanded the four accused for twenty-four hours for judgment.

Only one witness for the prosecution was called this morning in the person of Harry Ellis, janitor of the mud scow. He went into the galley, he said, while the row was in progress, and, seeing Larsen's face and body covered with blood, shouted:

"I like to see a fair fight, not a slaughter."

His story in other respects followed very closely the lines of the other witnesses for the prosecution.

Mr. Aikman then called the accused Vennables, who was described by the prosecution as the "sea lawyer" of the outfit. In his evidence he stated emphatically that Larsen struck Rhodes with some instrument. Later he took the instrument, he said, out of Larsen's hand, to prevent his doing any more damage with it. In reply to a question, Vennables stated that he had not during the whole proceedings laid his hand upon Larsen.

In cross-examination he admitted that there had been sides on the craft, some being against the captain and others for him. He was one of the men against the captain. He denied the statement of one witness that he had shouted "Kill him," referring to Larsen.

The accused Trousdale stated that his only part in the affair was in driving Larsen back from the dining-room through the kitchen into the pantry.

He swore that Larsen had a stove-shaker in his hand at the time.

Munro admitted striking Larsen with a poker, but only after Larsen had struck at him with a shaker. On his part he had had some of his teeth knocked out. He stated further that after the fight Larsen appeared to be dead with a spanner in his hand, looking for trouble.

Joseph Bretherton and William Bell gave evidence favorable to the accused, and stated that the mark on Rhodes' head was made prior to the engineer's descent to the stokehold, and not afterwards, as Larsen had previously stated.

James Larsen was the central figure

in the police court yesterday afternoon. The big Swede looked very much as if he had taken part in the famous retreat from Mons, for his head was bandaged, a broken blood vessel rendered his right eye almost useless, and he was suffering from various other injuries about his person.

His story of the fight was more like a page from Robert Louis Stevenson than anything else, and the peaceful appearing dredge, lying beside the Puget Sound Lumber company's wharf, might well have been the pirate ship of "Kidnapped" from the accounts of the bloody conflict which was waged aboard her.

Larsen told of walking up and down the deck on the eventful Sunday in his capacity as watchman. As he passed the cabin windows, however, according to his story, he heard unwonted sounds, and, looking in, saw the little cook being punched by the big man Rhodes. The cook was hanging on, endeavoring to evade punishment by guarding his head, but he was in a bad way. Without waiting a moment, Larsen rushed into the cabin and endeavored to pull the engineer away from Holding.

It was then, he stated, that Trousdale and Munro jumped on him together and hit and kicked him. He backed into the kitchen, and, picking up a stove-shaker, threatened the three that if they came nearer he would give them a taste of the iron. Feeling that he would be safer if he had his back to the wall, he backed on into the pantry, to prevent an attack from the rear. It was at this moment, he alleged, that Munro picked up the stove-shaker and he would get fair play. He did so, he stated, only to get them all on to him at once, and he was borne down by the fury of the assault. Munro, he alleged, struck him across the head with the iron bar, making an incised wound, while the others kicked and struck him without mercy. At the intervention of Trousdale they finally desisted. Later Larsen went below only to get them after him again. Munro, he alleged, this time swinging on a rope tackle and kicking him near the eye, causing the wound noted above. Rhodes again came down, and they mixed it again until Rhodes caught his head on the elbow of a six-inch pipe and was put hors de combat.

Evidence of the serious nature of the wounds was given by Dr. Grant, who made the examination immediately after the occurrence. The doctor said that he found Larsen bleeding freely in the head and eye. There were also several lacerations about the face. On closer inspection he found a large scalp wound two inches in length; it was ragged and had dirt in it; he put four stitches in the wound. There was also a hemorrhage above the eye, so that the blood was pouring into the ball. The sight of the victim would be impaired for several weeks.

Capt. T. H. Brown, master of the Mudlark, said that Larsen was left in full charge of the Mudlark on the Sunday in question. He himself left the Mudlark at 12.15, and was called back

about 2 o'clock to find the galley and mess room a chaos of overturned pots, pans, teapots and stray furniture. There was blood all over the pantry, the cook had his shirt torn from him, and Larsen was like a wild man with pain and loss of blood.

Constable McLellan gave formal evidence of being called to the dredge and of bringing the injured man in the patrol for medical attention.

J. A. Aikman, for the defence, called Dr. George Hall, who examined the accused, Rhodes, after the affray. The physician stated he found on the top of the engineer's head two bruises about the size of a hazel nut, and an incised wound about half an inch long on the top of one of the bristles. It would probably have been caused by a blunt instrument, he said.

Earlier in the afternoon Rhodes was fined \$20 and the deckhand, Brooks, \$10, for the assault on the cook.

A certain employer had done his best to encourage recruiting by offering generous terms to those of his staff who enlisted (says a writer in the Manchester Guardian). But he was annoyed to hear that one man, instead of going into the new army, had joined the naval reserve, in which there are more than enough men already. Chancing to meet the new sailor, he asked him why he had not joined the army. "My mother wouldn't let me," was the reply.

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Solid Gold Cuff Links	\$3.20	Silver Toilet Set	\$39.00	Silver Cigarette Box	\$14.10	Porridge Bowl	\$10.90
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Solitaire Diamond Ring	\$20.00	Gold Card Case	\$61.90	Silver Wrist Watch	\$10.00	Rattle	\$3.40
Diamond and Sapphire Ring	\$22.50	Peridot and Pearl Earrings	\$11.25	Gold Stone Set Waist Pins	\$1.96	Talcum Bottle	\$1.50
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## NEW OSAKA VESSELS

### WILL BE VERY FAST

Manila and Hawaii to Make Seventeen Knots; Lines Recognize Speed is Needed

Heads of Japanese steamship companies are beginning to recognize that speed is an all-important factor in the competition for the world's trade and commerce. During the many years they have been operating steamships from Japan to various ports of the world, the lines seem to have neglected to develop the engine-power in the construction of new vessels. In the whole mercantile fleet of Nippon there are only about three steamships which have anything like a real turn of speed. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha operates the Shingo Maru, Toyo Maru and Chiyu Maru between China, Japan and San Francisco, and they are able to make about 20 knots an hour.

Both the Osaka Shibusen Kaisha and Nippon Yusen Kaisha have been sending ships here which average between eleven and twelve knots an hour, and which take fifteen and sixteen days to steam from Yokohama to Victoria. The freighters operated by the Blue Funnel lines are able to beat these passenger ships by over two days on the same route. In the European service the Nippon line has some fine ships, but their speed is not fifteen knots an hour.

### Faster Boats Coming

A gift has just been received here from Osaka, Japan, stating that the two new steamships Manji Maru and Hawaii Maru, building for the Osaka Shibusen Kaisha, are to have a speed of 17 knots an hour. With the C. P. R. Empresses in the trans-Pacific trade the Japanese companies have realized that with their slower vessels they cannot hope to book large amounts of silk at Shanghai and Yokohama for this coast. With vessels making 17 knots an hour, however, the line will place itself in a better position to compete for the business.

The two new ships are building at the Kawasaki and Mitsui Bishi shipyards. Preparations are being made to launch the ship in course of construction at Kawasaki in April next. Both vessels will be ready to enter the trans-Pacific trade in July next. The ships will each have a displacement of 18,000 tons. Two of the steamships at present operating between here and the Orient will be withdrawn as soon as the newer vessels are ready.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The British tanker Azov, Captain Williams, has been purchased by the Imperial Oil company, according to official announcement made yesterday. The vessel has been hauled out for examination at the Wallace ways, and is now tied up at that shipyard pending the letting of the contract for the repair of damage sustained when she went ashore on Talara Reef, South America.

London, Dec. 22.—A message to the Evening Star from Belfast says that the C. P. R. has purchased four ships which are being constructed at Belfast and Glasgow. Their cost is said to be in excess of \$7,500,000.

Mariners are advised that the sandheads lightship in the Gulf of Georgia has been moored back to her correct position at the main entrance to the Fraser river according to notice to mariners, No. 114, of 1914.

According to the last wireless from the Arizonian the Malakka struck the reef four nights ago during the thick weather, and being without wireless was unable to attract assistance until last night. As soon as it was seen that it was almost hopeless to float the ship again a boat's crew and one officer started for San Quentin, Mexico, 130 miles away, and at night the ship's searchlight was kept signalling con-

tinuously.

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WANTED—A cook-general. Apply 340 Quadra. Phone 4721.

ROOM AND BOARD for Normal school students. Apply to Mrs. Wilson, corner Neil and Dean avenues, opposite main entrance, about three minutes' walk.

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OAK TREES AS ASSET  
TO CITY PROPERTIES

Electric Co. Sued for Trespass on Craigdarroch Lot and Injury to Fine Old Oak

ing there, and the attraction it would be to the premises he was intending to put up.

Evidence was given as to the damage done by the employees of the electric company, and the manner in which the tree was disturbed. It was not denied that it was expedient that the wires should have been placed where they were, but it is the contention of the plaintiff that they could have been passed through cutting away enough of the small branches to admit them and without injuring the appearance of the tree. The plaintiff objects especially to the servants of the defendant company having gone on the property, broken down fences and mutilated the fine old tree without any word having been conveyed to him by the company.

On the resumption of the case to-day it was contended by Mr. Robertson that there was no case for him to meet, that there was no evidence of possession and therefore no trespass as against the plaintiff could be set up.

Mr. Hall cited authorities to prove his contention that no wrong does could raise a question of title, nor could a third party come in and do so. The plaintiff's title was duly registered in the registry office. It was admitted that \$1,000 is still due.

His lordship reserved a decision on the point and directed that the defense proceed to offer evidence. If it had any.

H. M. Fullerton and other real estate men were called to testify as to the value of trees on a property. Their views were somewhat discordant, but in the main they were of opinion that this particular tree would be a detriment to an apartment house, which would come up close to it, as they thought.

It appeared that there is a good deal of difference of opinion as to the value of trees among purchasers. In some cases a lot sells more readily because of the presence of trees on it, while in others it is considered that a clear lot is the more valuable.

The case is still at hearing.

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**PORTLAND CANAL SOLD STOCKS TEND HIGHER  
ONE AND HALF CENTS MARKET MORE ACTIVE**

Snowstorm Advanced Five Cents and Was Bullish Feature of List

There were sales of Portland Canal this morning at 1½ per share, with an easier tendency in the issue following transactions, and then demand renewal for the stock.

Snowstorm was a bullish feature, making an excellent advance of five cents. Rambler, on the other hand, dragged poorly at first and then dropped back considerably on what appeared an excess of offerings and consequent lessened support.

Coronation Gold lost one cent in the bidding, but no significance was attached to this, in view of the desultory condition of the market in these shares, where neither buying or selling predominates.

	Bid	Asked	High	Low	Blot
Blackbird Syndicate	.....	27.00			
B. C. Refining Co.	.50	1.50			
B. C. T. C.	.75	1.50			
C. N. P. Fisheries	.....				
Carnation Gold	.03	.22			
Lucky Jim Zinc	.62	.035			
McGillivray Coal	.18	.21			
New Gold	.....				
Portland Canal	.91	.02			
Rambler Cariboo	.08	.18			
Red Cliff	.....	.01			
Standard Lead	1.00	1.49			
Snowstorm	.17	.22			
Stewart M. & D.	.....				
Stonewall Star	.....	.35			
S. S. Island Creamery	6.00				
Stewart Land	.....	7.50			
Unlisted					
Glacier Creek	.02	.05			
Island Investment	.....				
Island Investment (cont'd.)	20.00	22.00			
Western Can. F. Mills	.....	120.00			
Athabasca Oil	.....	.05			
Portland Tunnels	.....	.05			
Sooke Waterworks	.....	50.00			
Sales.					
2,900 Portland	.....	.01			
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**REMARKABLE BULLISH TURN IN WHEAT PIT**

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 22.—Surprising action took place in wheat to-day, a moderate bulge to 124. Dropped again to 123. May on early trade, a board, turned up to 123.60, then to 122 and 120, due to reports of foreigners re-selling wheat on seaboard orders. At the same time the bears figured on a let-up in the export sales because of the return to the market of the grain. The early selling pressure laid the foundation for the remarkable bull turn which started about mid-day. At that time seaboard houses confirmed heavy exports by Chicago, and the wheat houses sent very bullish estimates on the shortage of spring wheat supplies to run to another harvest, indicating that heavy drain will be felt by winter wheat stocks. The big exports coming from the wire houses, fresh investors and shorts all took the buying side of the last day.

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**FRENCH PARLIAMENT HOLDS WAR SESSION**

Premier Says Nation Will Right Wrongs and Crush Prussian Militarism

Paris, Dec. 22.—Premier Viviani, stating the views of the government concerning the war to the chamber of deputies to-day, said: France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath her arms until after taking vengeance for outraged rights; until she has used for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored heroic Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her physical independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it is possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, Europe regenerated."

"If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history, it is not because the people are hurling themselves into warfare to conquer territory to win enlargement of material life and economic and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world," the premier continued. "Nothing greater has ever appeared before the vision of man."

"Again barbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which loosed the scourge, France the emancipator, France the vengeful, at the side of her allies advanced to the fray."

"That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us confine them, to have but one united soul and to-morrow in the peace of victory, we shall recall with pride these days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valorous and better men."

Several places in the chamber were vacant when the historic war session opened. Some of these were because of deaths on the battlefield and others because the soldier deputies have refused to leave their posts in the ranks at the battle-front.

None of the members was in uniform. General Joffre has issued instructions permitting the wearing of civilian attire under certain circumstances and to appear in the chamber of deputies in civilian clothes was regarded as more in accord with Republican ideas.

Nearly 300 deputies have joined the colors. Some are serving as privates, others have high rank, and others are doing duty in different military departments. Several members of the chamber were in their constituencies in the north at the time the Germans began their remarkable dash to the southward at the beginning of the war. Some of these men were able to make their way through the lines of the German troops, but others could not and were detained as hostages.

Representatives of all political groups, from Socialists to extreme Conservatives, had assembled in the lobbies of the chamber before M. Paul Deschanel, speaker of the house, rang his bell calling order.

The discussions among them were conducted with a great degree of animation. Nevertheless it was easy to discern the new national spirit which has been evident since the beginning of hostilities. It pervaded the entire assemblage and the members of the chamber generally expressed their determination to show confidence in the administration by supporting the government proposals without argument.

On the three seats belonging to the deputies who have lost their lives on the field of battle, there had been placed wreaths of evergreens tied with the dead man's tri-color sash.

When the Abbe Lemire entered the chamber he was the centre of hearty congratulations for his patriotic conduct as mayor of the town of Hazebrouck, a locality which has been devastated by the Germans.

A stirring and patriotic address by M. Deschanel aroused the chamber members to enthusiastic cheering.

**CANADIAN CHAPLAIN MARRIED IN LONDON**

London, Dec. 22.—Major Rev. Richard Henry Steacey, senior chaplain of the Canadian forces, was married in London on December 29 to Esie Mary, daughter of the Hon. Dingby Denham, premier of Queen'sland. Charles William Todd, of Newport Sailey, will marry in the middle of January in London Violet Radwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Radwin, of Canada. The engagement is announced of Charles E. Tucker of Birthe, Manitoba, to Rita, daughter of Christopher and Mrs. Clarke, of Charlott Bedale.

**SUCCESSFUL ISSUE OF GRAND TRUNK NOTES**

London, Dec. 22.—The Grand Trunk railway issue of three years 5% per cent. guaranteed notes has been a great success. The lists were closed to-day one day ahead of time.

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**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET**

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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 22—5 a. m.—Although the barometer remains high here there are indications of approaching stormy weather with rain. Heavy rains prevail at Prince Rupert, and gales are likely on the coast from Vancouver Island to California. Zero temperatures continue in Manitoba and snow is reported at Memphis.

Forecasts:  
For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Increasing east-  
ern winds, unsettled and milder, with rain to-night or on Wednesday.

Lower Mainland—Eastern winds, un-  
settled and milder, with rain.

### Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.47; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 37; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.58; tempera-  
ture, minimum yesterday, 38; wind, calm;  
weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.42; tempera-  
ture, minimum yesterday, 6; wind, calm;  
weather, clear.

Tatofah—Barometer, 30.46; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 42;  
wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.39; tem-  
perature, maximum yesterday, 22; mini-  
mum, 21; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather,  
clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.59; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 24;  
wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; tem-  
perature, maximum yesterday, 38; mini-  
mum, 48; wind, 12 miles N. E.; weather,  
clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.99; tem-  
perature, maximum yesterday, 38; mini-  
mum, 28; wind, 38 miles S. E.; rain, 2.28;  
wind, 5; rain.

### Temperature.

Max. Min.

Penticton ... 22 ..

Nelson ... 16 ..

Calgary ... 30 ..

Edmonton ... 24 ..

Prince Albert ... 12 ..

Winnipeg ... 14 ..

Tatofah ... 32 ..

Ottawa ... 28 ..

Montreal ... 34 ..

St. John ... 30 ..

Halifax ... 34 ..

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5:30 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday:

Temperature, 10.2 ..

Highest, 10.2 ..

Lowest, 10.8 ..

Average, 10.0 ..

General state of weather, cloudy.



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per ..... 51.25  
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Variety, which runs all the way  
from James J. Corbett's monologue to  
a tableau minstrel show in which  
several accompanied young women  
supply the musical numbers and  
dances, is the keynote of the Christmas  
bill being offered at Pantages  
theatre this week. It is a programme  
thoroughly up to the excellent standard  
set during the past number of weeks.  
Three large audiences yesterday  
day accorded it warm approval.

The "Minstrels de Luxe" quickly established the fact with their audience  
that black-face comedians and other  
male singers are not the only ones  
who can succeed with a minstrel offering.  
"Please Do My Family a Favor"  
sung by the Misses Varcoe and  
Franchi, the "Down Home Rag," a very  
unusual eccentric dance executed  
gracefully and with skill by the  
Misses Booth and Swain, and "Michigan"  
sung by the Misses Booth and Swain  
and accompanied with a pleasing dance  
by her and the Misses Booth Swain  
and La Verne, were some of the num-  
bers.

James J. Corbett has been before  
vaudeville audiences on this continent  
so long that he must feel fully assured  
of the welcome he will receive  
in any city to which his travels take him.  
The days both before and during  
the period of his world championship  
form the subject matter of his short talk, but though the period is  
the same as did service in former  
years, the stories are not. They are told  
in the easy, intimate style which  
Corbett has so much to do with making

heat on the xylophone, though they  
had striking facility with the cornet,  
trombone, mandolin and saxophone.  
Several amazing feats of strength  
were performed by one of the three  
Batus Brothers, acrobats, the weights  
he took a delight in lifting being none  
other than his two brothers, both men  
of substantial proportions. Skipper  
Kennedy and Reeves filled a lively fifteen  
minutes with song and comedy. Reeves  
(if that is the name which  
should be attached to the black-face  
comedian) maintained the fun at a  
high level.

The Transfield Sisters were at their

The bill is excellent holiday fare.

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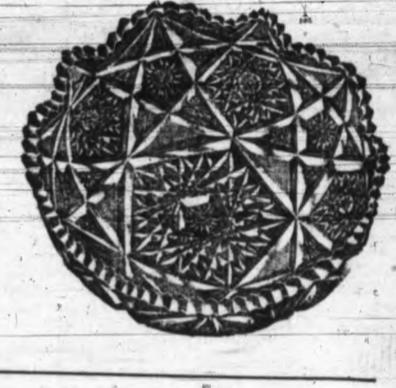
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